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## "SAIL AHEAD"



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After thorough discussion and prayerful consideration, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in its last session decided that the Convention scheduled to convene in Memphis in May should be deferred. It was the opinion of the committee that we should cooperate wholeheartedly with the govern-

ment in the utilization of trains and bus lines, and in the conservation of our vital transportation life-lines, for the use of our soldiers. Having heard the evidence concerning hotel and housing facilities, traveling conditions, and war activities; and having been advised by legal authorities as to the right of the committee to defer the meeting, the vote for deferment was unanimous.

### Give Renewed Emphasis

We are anxious that every member of every Baptist church in our Southern Baptist territory understand that the deferring of the Convention does not mean that the boards, agencies, churches, and individuals composing the Convention should defer in any way the work committed to the hands of the Convention. Rather it means that we should give renewed emphasis to the interests of the Convention in all their various aspects. We must keep Christianity to the fore as an inspiration to our fighting forces during the war, and as the foundation on which to rebuild our world after the successful termination of the war.

It appears imperative that the local  
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## NINE FIRSTS AMONG SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

J. E. Dillard

Here are nine "firsts" among Southern Baptists according to latest reports:

First in membership: First church, Dallas, Texas, 7,636 members, George W. Truett, pastor.

First in baptisms: First church, San Antonio, Texas, 250 baptisms, Perry Webb, pastor.

First in gifts to missions, etc.: First church, Knoxville, Tennessee, \$81,896.95 or \$36.25 per capita, F. F. Brown, pastor.

First in Hundred Thousand Club memberships: First church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 427 memberships, J. Norris Palmer, pastor.

First in percentage of Hundred Thousand Club memberships to church members, La Mesa church, La Mesa, New Mexico, one club member for every two church members, J. E. Davis, pastor.

First Southern Baptist Convention agency to get out of debt: Foreign Mission Board, March 12, C. E. Madry, secretary (Home Mission Board debt-free May 12, J. B. Lawrence, secretary).

First of six states, retaining part of Baptist Hundred Thousand Club receipts, to get out of debt: Louisiana, W. H. Knight, secretary.

First church to give to southwide



DR. J. O. WILLIAMS

Dr. J. O. Williams will begin his work as Head of the Division of Education and Promotion of the Baptist Sunday School Board on June 15th. He has been Business Manager for several years.

debt fund the money provided for pastor's expenses to Southern Baptist Convention: First church, Cullman, Alabama, J. E. Marion, pastor.

First to observe Convention Day and make offering for southwide debt: Mississippi County Association at First church, Osceola, Arkansas, H. B. Tillman, moderator.

## Evangelistic Crusade Ends But Influence Goes On

Possibly the most interesting period of my five years work as state evangelist has been during the Evangelistic Crusade just ended. Good reports are coming in from all churches where the program was prosecuted to its utmost. Some of the larger churches seemed not to catch the spirit of it and failed to enter, but to those that did, both large and small, it proved its worth a thousand times over.

Outstanding examples of its good are found in the meetings at Roseland Park, Pearl River county; Strengthford, in Wayne county; First church at Starkville and Tate Street in Corinth. Roseland Park was a bit disorganized and without a pastor. While there we secured 20 Baptist Record subscriptions, called a pastor, raised well over \$100 to finish the building and fence the grounds, and had 11 additions to the church. At Strengthford church we had a glorious revival, both in spiritual interest and additions to the church. We shall return this summer for their annual meeting. Starkville, with Dr. J. D. Ray as pastor, was another pleasant experience. Great crowds came nightly, so requiring the placing of chairs. Good results came from this effort. Just recently we were with Rev. Joe Cruse at Tate Street, Corinth. Record-breaking attendance at the Sunday school and B. T. U. was noted. Possibly the largest crowd ever to attend the church was pres-



M. E. PERRY

ent on Easter evening. West Corinth Baptist and South Side Methodist both called off their services for that night. People were seated in every possible space. Twenty-one additions to the church, the E-F Plan adopted, and all phases of organized work were reorganized and revitalized. Work is to begin soon on a basement, so they can have more Sunday school and B. T. U. rooms. Further work during the Crusade include Runnells-town, Columbia Mission, Polkville, 28th Avenue in Hattiesburg, Glen and others. All of these meetings prove over and over the need of winter re-

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## LETTER FROM CHAPLAIN SOMEWHERE OVERSEAS

Editor, Baptist Record  
Jackson, Mississippi  
Dear Sir,

The Record usually comes in batches when a convoy comes over and I go over each copy with pleasure. . .

Recently I baptized ten men, six of whom were sergeants. Four of these men came as a result of visiting their hut after service and talking with them. Three others were baptized by another chaplain in the same way. Last summer seven were baptized in the ocean over here. A local choir rendered special music at the service at the water's edge. Ten more men are awaiting baptism. Of course many others have been won that do not wish to be baptized by immersion. I do not know of a man who has been won by my sermons. Each of these men has been led to Christ by some other Christian or by myself in personal conversation. I am sure in my mind that the world revival is not

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## Northern Baptists To Raise Three Million Dollars For Missions Will Take Convention to the People

Chicago (RNS)—A financial campaign designed to raise \$3,000,000 for the expansion of the missionary work of the Northern Baptist Convention throughout the world, was approved here at the closing session of the General Council of the Convention.

The missions budget will be in addition to a world emergency forward fund of \$1,500,000 for special war-time needs, also approved by the general council, thus bringing the total budget of the church to one of the highest figures in history.

The world emergency fund will be used for church extension, religious work in the armed forces, foreign relief appeals and for the establishment of a post-war planning commission.

The council also approved the creation of a new development program to provide funds for the stabilization

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CIRCULATION THIS WEEK, 33,104 — — A Gain Of 99 For The Week



## Sparks & Splinters

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office included the following: Rev. M. Glenn Smith, New Orleans, La.; Rev. C. Z. Holland, Canton; Rev. J. D. Walker, Calhoun City; Mrs. J. D. Walker, Calhoun City; Rev. G. Grady Wilkes, Yazoo City; Rev. Jas. B. Ray, Tupelo; Rev. E. D. Estes, Eupora; Rev. E. G. Hightower, Batesville; Dr. W. E. Green, Ellisville; Rev. B. S. Hilbun, Soso; Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton; Rev. M. E. Perry, Hattiesburg; Garvin H. Allen, Columbia; J. A. Johnson, Columbia; Edna Carver, Jackson.

An idea which may prove beneficial to other small country churches has been tried at the Janice Baptist Church (Perry county) and found most helpful in increasing attendance as well as conserving gas and tires. Dr. William Potter, pastor of the Janice church, writes the Record that on the first Sunday of the month (regular preaching day at Janice) the people come for the morning services, bring their lunch and then have the evening service at 1:30 p. m. This plan has served to increase both interest and attendance and the church has decided that throughout the summer and early fall season that this practice will be continued. In these troublesome times, any plan of this nature which will serve Kingdom interests is worthwhile. Black Jack church in Yazoo county uses the same plan. The are probably others.

Reading "Pioneering With Christ in Chile" is the next thing to a trip to that country. Agnes Graham, the author, presents Chile and our mission work in a way that caused us to sit up far beyond our usual bedtime. The price is 75c in cloth and 50c in paper. The Broadman Press is the publisher and it can be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

The regional commander of an infantry regiment of a certain division recently on extended maneuvers in the field, in discussing his chaplains and the effectiveness of their functioning with the division chaplain, spoke substantially as follows: "I do not look upon the work of my chaplains simply as a helpful adjunct to morale building and the maintenance of clean moral standards within the command, but as a work of distinct and undeniable worth in itself, because it is my opinion after long years of service, that religion possesses a value of its own in the army, particularly in war time, above and beyond any contributions, which it may make in other important fields."

May 2 was the fifth anniversary of Pastor E. H. Westmoreland at South Main church, Houston. In these years there have been 1,751 additions with 420 presenting themselves for baptism. During the year ending May 1, \$105,859.22 was given through the church treasury. Among objectives announced by Dr. Westmoreland were greater consecration and greater enlistment. (Editor's note: Dr. Westmoreland was pastor at Leland, Miss., before going to Houston.)

"Christianity and Catholicism" by U. A. Ransom (186 Coral Ave., Louisville, Ky., \$1.00), goes into detail about Catholicism. Much of it is quoted from other sources.

Since the last issue, another church has indicated its intention of giving to the Now Club the amount they would have spent sending their pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention. See the honor roll on another page.

The Philadelphia Pastor's Conference has passed resolutions expressing their appreciation of Ray A. Truitt, who leaves June 10 to enter the Chaplain's School at Harvard University. He is one of our fine young preachers, a graduate of Mississippi College. He has pastored churches in Holmes county and more recently County Line in Neshoba county. For the past year he has also served as principal in the Neshoba school.

On June 1, Milton University conferred the D. D. degree on Chester M. Savage, pastor of the church at Union. Brother Savage recently came to Union from Missouri. He is leading his church in a fine way.—F. G. Wilborn.

Pastor E. L. Byrd of Holly Springs recently led in a revival meeting at Red Banks. There were four additions. Services were held at nine p. m., in order that people could get out of the field and attend the services. And they did attend at that hour!—Reporter.

W. R. Medling, pastor at Hickory, has received a commission at first lieutenant. He goes first to Harvard University of a month's training in the chaplain's school. We regret very much to lose him as pastor.—Reporter.

The Lee County Workers Convention has been organized with F. M. Powell, pastor of Calvary church, Tupelo, as chairman, A. B. Jones, secretary. The program committee consists of the two above officers and H. R. Holcomb, F. V. McFatridge and D. D. Satterwhite. Regular monthly meetings will be held Tuesday night after each second Sunday.

Temple church, Washington, D. C., and Luther Rice Memorial church are considering a consolidation of the two churches. Luther C. Holcomb is pastor of the Temple church and the proposed consolidation would have Mr. Holcomb as the pastor. He has been pastor of the Temple church one year and there have been 147 additions.

The U. S. S. Kirkpatrick, named for Captain Thomas Leroy Kirkpatrick, who became the first navy chaplain to die in World War II, while serving aboard the U. S. S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor, was launched June 5th at the Orange, Texas, shipbuilding yards of the Consolidated Steel Corporation. Sponsor was the widow, Mrs. Genevieve Kirkpatrick of Flourtown, Pa.

Dr. John D. Freeman recently assisted Pastor D. Chester Sparks in a revival meeting at Hima, Ky. Dr. Freeman says that Pastor Sparks and his wife (nee Zella Mai Collier, elementary worker for the Sunday school department of the Tennessee State Board) are doing a great piece of mission work.

Please give announcement in The Baptist Record that on account of strenuous labor conditions I have July 11 to Aug. 29th left open, and would love to get the time occupied with rural and small town one week engagements in Mississippi.—A. D. Muse, 1270 Carr Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

Durant gifts to Cooperative Program first five months of 1943 were 32% above the same period last year. Total gifts for missions and benevolences, 48% above. Total gifts for all purposes, local and outside, 16% above.

We have received a booklet of 30 pages by W. F. Tanner of Atlanta, Ga. The title is "London Will be Destroyed." We regret that we cannot recommend this book. From the 72nd Psalm the 2nd chapter of Isaiah; the 60th chapter of Isaiah; Ezekiel 38 and 39 and several other Scriptures the author makes several claims such as (1) Tarshish is Great Britain; (2) Zidon is the United States; (3) Tyre is London; (4) Mussolini is Satan, etc. He also states definitely that on March 19, 1941, God spoke to him declaring that Christ will come to reign on earth after 2596 days. He then states that Christ will come on April 27, 1948. My Bible states that no man knows when Jesus will come again. Hence, we doubt the brother's prophecy.

Wanted: The names of widows of Baptist preachers in Mississippi who do not get The Baptist Record. Send names to Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 105, Mississippi. (Editor's note: Sometime ago we made this request and several wrote asking that we send the Record to some widow of a Baptist preacher. Please note that nothing is said about sending the Record. Our rate to widows is \$1.00 per year.

Writing concerning A. H. Childress, who has recently accepted the pastorate at Coffeeville, Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes says: "Rev. A. H. Childress has been the faithful and aggressive pastor of Longview, Sturgis, Morgan Chapel, Bethesda and Pleasant Ridge Baptist Churches some six years. He has done a fine work with all five churches. He has led four of these churches to enlarge their buildings with new Sunday school rooms and all five are well painted and in good condition. New seats have been installed in Longview church. Sturgis has a wonderful Baptist Training Union. All five churches have grown in Missions, in gifts through the Co-operative Program and are doing fine in the Now Club work. I have been with Brother Childress this year since I came into my new district, in four good weeks of work. He is fine to work with. His people love him and his fine family and regret to give him up as pastor."

The year 1943 will bring us to the beginning of the seventy-fifth year of continuous publishing since Fleming H. Revell of Chicago founded the house that now bears his name. While religious books were being issued at that time (the late sixties) by agents of British publishers in America and occasionally from denominational sources, Mr. Revell had the distinction of initiating one of the first, if not the first, wholly independent religious publishing house in America.—Publication list for 1943.

Finances seems to be on the upgrade at Pontotoc. Total receipts for May were \$887.42. After all bids were paid and missions and benevolences offerings taken care of the June 1 balance was \$596.82.

—BR—  
"Better be sober than sorry!"  
—BR—  
"Any drink is one too many!"

## HELPING THE HUNGRY TO FEED THEMSELVES

The Christian colleges in China are helping the needy to help themselves. For many years these institutions have been the leaders in the reconstruction of the Chinese nation. Through these colleges, twenty-two British, Canadian, and American Protestant boards have given new skills, new knowledge, and new life to countless Chinese, both Christian and non-Christian. More than 80% of the Chinese are farmers. Therefore, the Christian colleges have naturally made a special effort to help the inhabitants of rural areas to solve their problems. The University of Nanking, 55 years old, has become the center of agricultural training, and it claims as its alumni 40% of all the trained agriculturalists in China. Another center of work in agriculture is West China Union University. During the past twenty years a small band of workers on its Chegtu campus have changed the food habits of thousands of Chinese.

### Traveling Bull

Nineteen years ago travelers on the trails of West China were amazed to see a young black and white bull chewing his cud in pleasant contemplation while a gang of sweating coolies carried him over the hills in a large crate. Kaifeng King Sylvia was a bull with a mission. As a result of his travels, the breed of cattle in West China has been vastly improved, and a dairy industry literally created from nothing. Twenty years ago it was practically impossible to purchase fresh milk in this area because the sleek brown native cattle were considered as draft animals exclusively. In these days a cow was worth an average of \$24 in Chinese currency. The hybrid offspring of this same cow now are selling for between \$8,000 and \$10,000. So much milk is now available that there are several condensed milk factories in operation, and one establishment which is making airplane glue out of surplus casein. Because of the success of this pioneer Christian program, Chinese government authorities, and individuals in several other areas, are now engaged in cattle improvement programs. And as is always the case, the Christian colleges are always ready to provide expert assistance. The Chinese people are beginning to appreciate the value of milk as a food, and the demand is now vastly greater than the supply.

—BR—  
Now is Blue Mountain's time—until the \$200,000 is obtained.

## DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR June

Evangelism.  
Cooperative Program Causes.  
Now Club (Five Thousand Club).  
Vacation Bible Schools.  
Christian Education Day.  
Camps for Young People.  
Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp.  
W. M. U. Family Day—Have all Young People as Guests of W. M. U.  
Send Reports.  
District Training Union Conventions.  
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.



## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." 1 Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

### Do They Go Unsung?

"The secretary and his many helpers at Baptist headquarters . . . we speak of them. It is no easy thing they do. Not many want to undertake it and there are many others who won't. The high levels of Christian service are in the church. There is fellowship there and love.

"These dear leaders battle to the state's borders and bivouac wherever night catches them. They constantly surrender the warmth of home and inspiration of family to be on guard out at the frontiers. We should clothe them with our affections and let them know it; we should endow them with our prayers so that they will feel them; we should lend them our talents and time and not fail to provide them with the mission money necessary to keep the ship of our great denomination sailing."

—Baptist Messenger.

### II

We have been carrying one, two and three line ads as well as an occasional larger advertisement regarding the Blue Mountain College Endowment Campaign. We are sure Mississippi Baptists will continue to give this great institution good support.

It is good to find friends carrying on for Christ. During a recent visit to First Baptist Church, Memphis, we found Mrs. P. H. Mommsen serving splendidly as president of W. M. U. Dr. and Mrs. Mommsen and their family members were choice spirits in the Philadelphia Baptist Church during our pastorate.

Dr. W. E. Greene, Ellisville, begins his services as Enlistment Pastor in the Southwest District, June 19. He will live at Wesson. We regard him as one of our finest and better trained pastors, and we predict he will have a great ministry in this new field. More about him later.

### III

June is CAMP MONTH—may the G. A.'s, R. A.'s and all the rest have a profitable and happy session!

June is also B. T. U. District Convention month. These meetings will mean much in the work.

Vacation Bible Schools are beginning. Another major feature of our work.

Summer meetings are just before us. This should be a great year in soul winning.

The OPA in our state is in capable hands. Leaders are sympathetic with things for which we stand.

Oakdale, Rankin county, had a really big B. T. U. fellowship hour.

We had the privilege of addressing Southwest Junior College, Summit, graduating class. President J. M. Kenna presided. He is another fine Christian educator.

Saturday evening a very large congregation assembled in a special service at New Zion, Walthall county, Brother Hardee Kennedy, pastor. We were glad to be in the Fortenberry

home.

It was good to be back at Star and Florence for services. Brother Wilson Hogan is pastor.

Many people were present at New Zion, Rankin county, for Memorial Day services. Brother H. A. Milner is pastor.

All these churches have excellent leadership and are doing fine work!

### IV

Regarding the questionnaire being run by Editor Goodrich, please permit us to say, in our opinion, the best proof of the high regard Mississippi Baptists have for The Baptist Record is in the high and growing subscription list. However, this is a sincere effort on the part of the editor for constructive criticisms from the readers, and we trust it may bring valuable suggestions.

### V

Now comes another heart-warming testimony from one of our Soldier Centers. One of our State Mission workers was rendering helpful service in that area. A visit was made to the Baptist Service Center. Our worker, pointing to a soldier, said, "He gave his heart to Christ last night." Pointing to another soldier, the worker said, "That soldier has won thirteen other service men to Christ recently."

Mississippi Baptists! Here again you see the fruits of your love, labor, loyalty, prayers and monies given to State Missions (Judean). Of course, you had a part! WHOSE BOYS WERE THOSE?

### VI

A woman in tears came saying, "You are the first person in twelve years to suggest prayer in the home."

A woman of forty years came saying, "At twelve I wanted to join the church. My father agreed but my mother refused. I never had an urge since. Please give me a Bible. I do not have one."

### VII

A preacher's son was talking to his father about story telling. The preacher said, "Tell Satan to get behind you." The boy replied, "NO SIRREE! I want him in front where I can watch him."

### VIII

Through the invitation of Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor, and Miss Maudine Phillips, bride of the hour, we were privileged to be in Philadelphia as the latter was wed to Rev. W. A. Robinson. They make a very fine couple. His best blessings upon them.

We were over long enough to find that these Johnsons are leading the saints on to new heights. Over 100 people have come into the church in about six months and they expect a \$25,000 budget for the year. Doxology!

### IX

#### J. Edgar Hoover Urges Nation to Return to God

"A return to God and the practice of religion is the greatest need of America today," J. Edgar Hoover declared at the annual banquet of the Holland Society of New York, which awarded him its gold medal for distinguished public service.

Commenting on a tremendous increase in crime, particularly among juvenile groups, the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation asserted that crime thrives "only in that country, state or nation where the moral fiber and resistance are weak."

### "LUCKY GENERATION"

Millions of Chinese have given up their homes to seek freedom in West China. Among these refugees have been thousands of Christian students and teachers. The world of the future will be a better place because of their faith and their courage. This great migration constitutes one of the most important events of our generation. We are happy to share with you the following brief report written by a student of Yenching University:

"I am Chen Yu Ming, a third year premedical student. I left Peiping and went to Ling-Hsian. . . . After staying there for three days, twenty of our young students, most of whom were middle school students who escaped from Peiping, walked for eight days and nights to Lo-yang. It was indeed an adventurous trip, yet awfully precious to me. Most of our travel was during the night. We

"The home and its teachings of proper conduct have broken down," he declared. The message of the church is not reaching enough people, school facilities have become overtaxed, law enforcement is undermined, one-time excellent recreational and social programs are being abandoned. In short, moral responsibility too often is non-existent in the training of youth. Behind this unwholesome situation runs the general wartime spirit of abandon."

Mr. Hoover asserted that if every home awakened to its responsibility, there would be "a renaissance of that virile, indomitable spirit which is only in free and God-fearing peoples."

"I am sure," Mr. Hoover declared, "that if more emphasis were placed on the gospel of salvation, and less on social justice, the latter would become a great reality. What we need is a return to God, more specifically a return to the practice of religion. That is without doubt the greatest need in America today."

—Ex.

### X

#### Iron In Religion

"We have strained too much of the iron out of our religion. Our beautiful churches, comfortable seats, just the right temperature, and short, sugar-coated sermons have taken the hardness out of our worship and our service for God. We have almost forgotten that every religion and government has been founded and sustained in blood and sweat and suffering. We no longer have to suffer for our religion; and most of us are willing to serve when it does not inconvenience us. Our country required us, at times, to leave all, go where sent, and die if necessary. That is exactly what Christ said He would require of all citizens of His Kingdom. The 'soft stuff' won't go over with 'Uncle Sam'; and, let us not fool ourselves, it will not go over with God. He said, 'I will spew thee out of my mouth.' Neutrals are out of caste in the world today, and they ought to be out of caste in the church."

XI —Selected.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

"Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place." II Chronicles 7:14-15.



DR. C. E. WELCH CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY  
Memphis Pastor is Native of Simpson County  
By A. D. Muse

On May 10, 1943, Central Baptist Church in Memphis celebrated the tenth anniversary of their pastor, C. E. Welch. Dr. Welch was reared in Simpson county, Mississippi, educated at Mississippi College and at the Southern Baptist Seminary. He has held successful pastorates at D'Lo, Braxton, Inverness, Isola and Canton. He served also at Yoakum and San Marcos, Tex., and Osceola, Ark.

At Central Baptist Church, his pastorate has covered the hard "depression" years, when the downtown city churches suffered greatly. Through wise leadership and evident blessings of God, the church now owns a beautiful building located on Lamar, across from the Veterans' Hospital in the center of a 50,000 population section. The property is practically debt free. No man anywhere is more effective and able in Bible conferences or powerful in revival meetings than Dr. Welch.

walked across the high mountains and although it was summer time, we had to put our winter clothes on. Sometimes we had for our meal just one or two pieces of dry bread under the shadow of a tree. Sometimes we slept beside cowsheds. The most dangerous night was the night we crossed the railroad. . . .

"Unfortunately I had malignant malaria when I got to Lo-yang. For one day and one night I was not conscious. Living in a dark small house beside a pig-sty, I lay there for nearly two months.

"By borrowing some money from a friend, I was able to come to Chengtu, where I did not know one single friend. By chance, I met Leatrice Huang, an old friend, in the West China Union University. She introduced me to the son of the dean of the University Medical College, and I was admitted as a guest student from Yenching University. Time flies as an arrow. A whole year has been passed and now our university has reopened here in Chengtu so that I could happily return to my mother school. . . . This is the first time that I ever left my native province, Hopei. I am far away and have met many difficulties. I am sure that I could not have had these precious experiences unless our honorable war had given them to me. As our final victory is approaching, I feel that it is lucky for me to be born in this gen-



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### A READER PAYS THE EDITOR A COMPLIMENT

Usually we pay very little attention to unsigned communications but one came recently that was complimentary. The writer seemed to think that we had some occult power by which we could tell what he was writing about, though it was not mentioned in the letter.

The letter read as follows, "Through a mistake, your paper has injured a people not of Baptist faith. Would you correct it?"

Many friends have had complimentary things to say about us but so far as we know this is the first person that seemed to think that we were mind readers. Note that the party asked that we correct a mistake. We make so many that we do not know to which one the writer refers. Do you?

### PASTORS DESERVE FAIR TREATMENT

Atlanta—(AP)—Food prices have increased between 40 and 50 per cent in southeastern cities over the average price of years 1935-39, Bureau of Labor statistics figures showed Tuesday.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jackson, Miss., and Jacksonville, Fla., showed the largest increases.

The bureau, using the figure of 100 to represent prices for the 1935-39 period, said the price index now showed the following for southeastern cities:

Jacksonville, 153.4; Birmingham, 141.0; Jackson, Miss., 155.9; Memphis, 149.6; Mobile 149.4.

In plain language the above figures from the Bureau of Labor statistics says that food that cost \$1.00 in 1935 now costs about \$1.50. It means that your pastor now must pay \$1.60 for what he paid \$1.00 a few years ago. It also means that if his salary was \$100.00 per month then he should be paid \$160.00 to enable him to live in

the same style that he lived in in 1935.

The income of most Baptists is now much more than it was in 1935. But many churches have raised their pastor's salary little if any in the same time.

Let's be fair with our pastors.

### THE WORLD'S GREATEST BUSINESS

Today is a day of big things. We had super this and super that. Now it is super super this and that. Factories that employed hundreds now number their workers by the thousands. Business men who talked about thousand dollar contracts now speak of millions. Our army that once numbered a few hundred thousand has been expanded to include millions.

BUT regardless of all these superlatives and expansions the greatest business in the world is God's business, the evangelization of the lost. God thought it so important that He was willing to rob heaven of Christ's presence. Willing for Him to live the life of a man and die the death of a sinner in order that we might be saved. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but should have everlasting life."

Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. And HIS business is our business. "Even as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." John 20:21.

As the summer revival season is upon us, we need to rededicate ourselves to the service of soul-winning.

Hundreds of churches throughout Mississippi will soon hold their annual revival services. Many pastors are going to be hurt and hindered because of the indifference of many of their flock. Every blood-bought, Christ-loving, God-serving sinner should have a part in soul-winning.

There are many reasons why all of us who claim to be His should be evangelistic in our living.

A lost world calls us. Even though almost twenty centuries have passed since Jesus said, "Ye shall be My witnesses," and riding upon a cloud past stars and suns and moons and planets to be with the Father, where He ever liveth to make intercession for us, yet only one out of three even claims to be a Christian. And to arrive at this figure we must count all the members of all the churches of all the creeds of all the nations.

Out of an approximate population of two billion there are approximately 650,000,000 Christians in all the world.

It should startle us into action when we realize that one out of two hasn't even heard about Jesus Christ. They never saw a preacher, never read a Bible, never heard a church

bell ring. They live and die without Christ and without hope.

Common, everyday, humanity should make anxious soul-winners out of every Christian. Every one of us would immediately go to try to help rescue a neighbor from any kind of danger. A cry of fire causes us to forget self and seek to save the lives and property of our neighbors. Yet many of those same neighbors are daily in danger of hell-fire and many of us do exactly nothing about it.

Just plain honesty should be a compelling incentive to us to try to win the lost. We ourselves would never have heard about the Saviour had no one ever told us. As those of years gone by were faithful to bring us the "good news" we should be just as faithful to pass this same good news on to others.

Obedience should cause every Christian to dedicate this summer's meeting time to soul-winning. "And hereby do we know that we KNOW Him if we keep His commandments. He that sayeth I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in Him." I John 2:3, 4. Not only should it CAUSE but obedience should compel. For the so-called Christian that is not a soul-winner in some way will have a hard time explaining the two verses quoted above.

The glorious past should inspire us. As we think of those in years gone by who were faithful soul-winners we, too, should determine to be faithful soul-winners. As you think of those consecrated Christians whom you know, remember that they passed on the torch to us. We must not let it flicker or go out.

Certainly the precious present should be an incentive to us to win as far as possible every unsaved person about us. Never have so many doors been open. Never have doors already open been opened so wide.

In these days of destruction, death, disaster and darkness, when mothers' and fathers' hearts are tender because of separations from sons and daughters, when boys face armed service in the near future, the opportunities for soul-winning are greater than ever.

Finally, we should be faithful soul-winners because of the law of growth. When we cease to grow we begin to die. When the cornstalk ceases to grow the leaves turn yellow and then decay. We cannot stand still. We either go forward or we soon start backward. We either do something for our Lord or we soon begin to do things that hurt or hinder. Sad indeed is the sight of a child who has ceased to grow. More pitiful is the sight of the Christian that is still tarrying at Jerusalem drinking the milk of babes.

THE BUSINESS OF BAPTISTS IS TO MAKE MORE BAPTISTS.

## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### STRETCHING THE SOUL

It is a delectable story which was told not so long ago by R. Lee Sharpe. And a short but big sermon it was, too! Let us relate it mostly in Mr. Sharpe's own language:

"I was just a kid. One spring day, father called me to go with him to old man Trussel's blacksmith shop. He had left a rake and hoe to be repaired. And there they were ready, fixed like new. Father handed over a silver dollar for the repairing. But Mr. Trussel refused to take it. 'No,' he said, 'there's no charge for that little job.' But father insisted that he take the pay, still extending to him the dollar.

"If I live a thousand years," said R. L. Sharpe, "I'll never forget that great man's reply: 'Ed, can't you let a man do something now and then—just to stretch his soul?'"

That Short but Big Sermon from the lips of that humble, lovable blacksmith has caused us to find, again and again, the great joy and quiet happiness which come from a little "stretching of the soul."

As all who make it a practice of "stretching their souls" can tell us, it is a simple matter. Doing little favors, perhaps mere trifles in themselves—making life a little brighter to those who hail us—not expecting a return of any kind.

But one does get a return. Oh, yes, indeed, one does! It is the old law. The giver becomes the receiver. Bread cast upon the waters comes back. It really does come back. Still, one who stretches his soul a little deeper into deeds of love and kindness never does so expecting returns.—Alabama Baptist.

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## Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

### PRAYERS AND ALMS

By Theodore Whitfield  
Pocahontas, Miss.

What did Cornelius obtain? Salvation for himself, his kinsmen and near friends. What obtained those things? According to the angel, it was Cornelius' "prayers and alms," Acts 11:13. Dr. Russell H. Conwell said that once an elderly woman member brought him a deed to a couple of lots she owned in Philadelphia. He asked her why she wanted to give them to the church when she needed them to get her into some old ladies' home. She replied that she wanted to give them to God to get Him to bring home her wandering son. The doctor refused them though, and the woman gave them to the W. C. T. U., but sure enough right away that son appeared at church, was converted and baptized, saying that away up in Vermont something suddenly came over him that made him return to his mother and to God.

A church once gave me for Christ—  
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**CONTRIBUTED EDITORIAL**  
(Continued from Page Four)

mas a handsome roll top desk. It has a two-pronged key that opens it. A single-pronged key will not do it. There are some things you can get by prayer alone but there are other things that come by prayer and alms. Take the king of Moab. He was besieged in his capital by the army of Israel, and in his desperation he took his first-born son, that was to have succeeded him on his throne, and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall. The Scripture says then that God smote the army of Israel so that they raised the siege and went away. There was Hannah who, though along in years, yet had no children, and she prayed to the Lord saying that if he would give her a man child, she would give him to the Lord. Samuel, the prophet, was the answer. There was Jacob's vow to give God a tenth if He would let him have food and clothing and protection. It resulted in Jacob returning home safely and with great riches.

The greatest gift (excepting salvation, of course) that ever came to a man on this earth came to David; namely, that David's sons should sit on his throne after him forever. Why so great a favor? Because David gave to God a tremendous gift. In his long life time David had accumulated a vast treasury of gold and silver. So David told Nathan the prophet one day that he was going to take it and build the Lord a temple. Said David, "I and all the princes live in palaces of cedar, but the Lord lives in a tent. I am going to build the Lord the finest house in the world and cover it inside and out with glittering gold." The Lord said to the prophet, "I deeply appreciate what David means to do for me. Indeed I have lived over on that hill for three hundred years in a tent. I have never complained but I have not failed to feel it, and no one ever thought of me but David. So tell him that I am going to build him a house the like of which no mortal man has ever had. I will cause his sons to sit on his throne after him as long as the world stands." Well, David's sons lived in his house of cedar and sat on his throne there in Jerusalem for from five to ten centuries, and then Jesus, the Son of David, came and ascended the throne of David in Heaven forever, and as David walks about in heaven he points to the throne and said, "That one seated by the Father is my Son."

But God gives a bonus—like some merchants give presents besides the goods you buy. God gave Hannah three additional sons and two daughters. Dr. Conwell said a wealthy man, hearing of the elderly sister in his church, presented her with an endowment so that as long as she lived she would not have to go to any old ladies' home, and the Lord said to David, "Furthermore, if David's sons do not keep my law, I will visit them with the rod of chastisement. But I will never, I will never, take from them my loving kindness." If it were myself I would say to the Lord, "Just give the throne to anyone you see fit, if only you will never, never, never take from my children your loving kindness." Oh, brother, don't hesitate to give something to God. Gifts and alms presented Him open doors that are big as eternity.

**NOW CLUB**

**DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB**  
A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

**HONESTY • LOYALTY • VICTORY**

I  
We are fast paying off the last bonds in the June 1, call. You should join others in getting all available dollars for this purpose into this office the next several days. That will help! That is the spirit of victory! That is **THE WAY** that wins.

II  
It Was \$542,000.  
It Is \$156,500!

If Mississippi Baptists continue giving generous support to all our Lord's work through the Cooperative Program, and in particular to debt-paying through the **NOW CLUB**, it is our thought we may be able to call all remaining bonds in December this year. We would have to borrow some 3% money in doing it but a great saving would be effected. If these bonds are called we will save an additional \$132,000 interest charges. We saved \$80,000 interest charges in this June call. We had already saved \$75,000 in other calls. That would make a grand total of \$287,000 saved in the **Now Club** program. We miss the \$300,000 savings originally announced by \$13,000 simply because we have been somewhat behind schedule all the way. Of course the longer we wait in calling the remaining \$156,500 the less interest saved.

Do you get it? In 1939 we had outstanding bonds in the amount of \$542,000. Now we have \$156,500 outstanding bonds! Doxology!

III  
The question comes, "Just what obligations to our institutions do we have outstanding?"

Answer: So far as we know only two possible.

First, a \$24,000 old support fund note said to be held by Woman's College trustees. This was given to keep the college running, as we understand it.

Second, a similar note is said to be in the hands of Blue Mountain College.

These notes, if we understand the matter, were given these colleges by the Convention in lieu of the \$10,000 annual cash appropriation when it was found no cash was on hand to pay with.

These will be paid by this office, when and if, proper authorization is given by the Convention or other authorized body under whom we serve.

IV  
Mississippi Baptists with about one-eighth of Southern Baptist members, a few years ago, owed one-tenth of what Southern Baptists owed. In other words, at one time Mississippi Baptists had bonds out totaling \$650,000 while Southern Baptists owed \$6,500,000. At that time Mississippi Baptists numbered about 250,000 while Southern Baptists numbered 4,500,000. Mississippi Baptists made up one State Convention responsible for Mississippi Baptists debts, while eighteen Southern States (including Mississippi) were under the S. B. C. debt.

This meant the Mississippi Baptist debt load was well beyond the pro-

**UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER?**

Dr. William Potter  
First Baptist Church, McLain, Miss.

Historiographers will no doubt write colorful accounts of the meeting between President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill at Casablanca. It was, indeed, an historical epic. This meeting will always be recognized as the time and place where the terms of UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER were agreed upon by the chiefs of the Allied nations as the only terms with which the peace of the post-war era will be settled upon the common enemy.

Unconditional means "without compromise, without reservation or equivocation."

Each one of us is quick to realize the value of civil or international law and that such laws are intended to be carried out to the letter even as the law of the Old Testament days demanded righteousness of men toward God. The international code is exceedingly strict in its application and there is very seldom any loopholes from which the belligerents might escape the verdict once the terms or penalties are set. The effect of the Casablanca conference will be felt by nations and individuals for decades to come.

There was, years ago, another conference in which the matter of UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER was set forth as the only means of an armistice between sinful man and a just God. The conferees on this particular occasion were Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, and Nicodemus, one of the cultural leaders of the great Sanhedrin in Jerusalem. Nicodemus had come to see Jesus during the night. He was puzzled by the teachings of the Nazarene. He wanted a more definite explanation of the way which Jesus had been teaching about the countryside in Palestine. The New Birth, as explained by the Master, was causing much dissention among the Pharisees. What was it? Frankly, dear friend, it was simply, UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER, a complete and submissive yielding of the heart, the life and the will of sinful man, a natural enemy with God, to the leadership of the Lord Jesus who had come to this earth to save the world. There were no other terms set forth in that memorable conference, nor has the plan of salvation since been changed.

"Ye must be born again," said Jesus to Nicodemus. "Except a man be born again (spiritually) he cannot see the Kingdom of God," continued the Lord Jesus.

Friend, has your accession to the Lord Jesus been one of UNCONDI-

portion of the S. B. C. load.

What was the result?

Mississippi Baptists got under the S. B. C. debt load and have had a good part in that debt refunding program.

At the same time they tackled the state debt with a will to win.

Final result: Both debts dwindling! Doxology!

IV  
We list more **Now Club** "Over-the-Top" churches:

Sylvan Grove—Smith.  
Sardis—Smith.  
White Oak—Smith.  
Union—Smith.  
Pharsalia—Panola.  
Newton—Newton.

**CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES**

By Chester M. Savage

**Called and Accepted**

T. M. Estes, Adrian, Mo.  
George A. Craig, Stoutland, Mo.  
J. Gordon Kingsley, Hardin, Mo.  
Dr. Jas. Kelly Barnett, Chapel Hill, N. C.  
E. C. Chamblee, Farmville, N. C.  
L. E. Lamb, Nacogdoches, Texas.  
Searcy S. Garrison, co-pastor, Bull Street, Savannah, Ga.  
J. T. Maddox, Pavo, Ga.  
Omer E. Graves, Claxton, Ga.  
H. M. Pierce, Putnam City, Bethany, Okla.  
Chester Mason, Arlington Heights, Ft. Worth, Texas.  
Kelly Johnson, East Tallassee, Ala.  
O. F. Owens, Park Street, Easley, S. C.  
W. G. Moore, Laurinburg, S. C.  
J. V. Chandler, Harvey's Chapel, Hot Springs, Ark.  
O. C. Robinson, Jr., Danville, Ark.  
C. R. McCollum, Green Forrest, Ark.  
George H. Mosely, Napoleonville, La.  
D. A. Hogan, chaplain, U. S. Army.  
C. O. Daniels, chaplain, U. S. Army.  
W. R. Medling, chaplain, U. S. Army.  
Ray Truett, chaplain, U. S. Army.  
Horace L. Smith, Red Bank, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
A. B. Griffin, Woodlawn, Bristol, Tenn.  
J. Connally Evans, Second, Newport, Tenn.  
W. S. Montgomery, Park, Jefferson City, Mo.

**Resigned**

L. E. Lamb, Mount Pleasant, Texas.  
A. J. Priest, Edgemont, Dallas, Texas.  
Searcy S. Garrison, Barnesville, Ga.  
Lem Sales, Eddiceton, Miss.  
Omer E. Graves, Alma, Ga.  
John Allen, Palatka Heights, Palatka, Fla.  
H. M. Pierce, Wilburton, Okla.  
Chester Mason, Kentucky Avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Kelly Johnson, Riverview, Ala.  
W. G. Moore, Sumter, S. C.  
G. P. Lanier, Sally, S. C.  
D. D. Miller, Hatton, Ark.  
A. W. Laird, Recreation Acres, Fairbanks, Texas.  
J. V. Chandler, Ola, Ark.  
Cecil O. Abbott, Plainview, Little Rock, Ark.  
C. O. Daniels, Scooba and DeKalb, Miss.  
W. R. Medling, Harperville and Hickory, Miss.  
D. A. Hogan, Purvis, Miss.  
A. L. Kirkwood, Valence Street, New Orleans, La.  
Horace L. Smith, Clinton, Tenn.  
W. S. Montgomery, Centertown, Mo.  
A. B. Griffin, Damascus, Ga.

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**The Goodyear church (Picayune)**

Baptist Brotherhood under the leadership of its president, W. B. Boatner, holds a weekly street service on the main street of Picayune, every Saturday evening at 7:30. Different pastors cooperate and bring the messages. A loudspeaker is used in the service. This equipment was purchased and is maintained by the Brotherhood. Good crowds are in attendance at these services.

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TIONAL SURRENDER, or did you accept Him with some mental reservation, not completely yielding your life to His service? If such be the case, you shall not enjoy the communion and fellowship with Him in the heavenly mansions after the resurrection. Why not, just NOW, say, "Lord I SURRENDER, all of me, all that I have, all of my talents, my very life if necessary, to make sure I shall see you face to face." Make it an UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

## OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.  
Community Missions—Mrs. Laven Boyles, Laurel, Miss.  
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Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

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Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centreville.

All members of Woman's Missionary Union in Mississippi should take the time to read the article below very carefully because it contains a brief summary of the work of Woman's Missionary Union of the South of which we are a vital part:

**Woman's Missionary Union**  
By Mrs. F. W. Armstrong  
President, Plattsburg, Mo.  
Miss Kathleen Mallory  
Ex.-Sec., Birmingham  
Miss Juliett Mather  
Y.-P.-Sec., Birmingham  
Mrs. W. J. Cox  
Treasurer, Memphis

Throughout the years, Woman's Missionary Union has been stimulated and been made more steadfast in its devotion to the cause of Christian mission by having as its watchword the classic challenge of Paul: "Laborers Together with God."

**Prayer that Promotes Missions**—In addition to the 74,076 definitely devotional services at the regular organizational meetings, these organizations observed the three seasons of prayer—in March for home missions, in the fall for state missions, and in December for foreign missions. They responded finely. One result of these prayer periods was unprecedented offerings. The Annie Armstrong offering for home missions in March reached \$239,729.72 and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions reached \$530,506.74, double the goal set. Since 1907 the Annie Armstrong offering has amounted to \$2,461,039.35, and the Lottie Moon offering since it began has amounted to \$5,627,396.46.

**Stewardship to Sustain Missions**—Another marked evidence of acknowledged stewardship is seen in the Union's record in behalf of denominational debt-clearance—\$636,226.74 already given of the \$1,000,000 pledged to rid the denomination of debt by 1945. In view of the decision for the denomination to become debt-free in '43, the W. M. U. is greatly speeding up on its program. Nine state W. M. U.'s gave a combined total of \$222,863.77 last year to clear their state indebtedness.

Never before has Woman's Missionary Union given as it did in the past year. Its "truly grand" total of \$3,791,755.07 is a 15.07 per cent gain amounting to \$505,503.34 over the contributions for similar causes in 1941. The 1942 records show that one in 3.6 members is a tither and that one in 8.6 younger members tithes. It is exceedingly gratifying that in 1942 there were 670 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention in which every woman member contributed something to missions. However, there were 23,617 churches in which this was not true.

**Recruiting for Missions**—Among the many ways in which the W. M. U. seeks to recruit missionary forces is by supporting the Training School in Louisville, Ky., and its Margaret Fund with which to aid the children of home and foreign missionaries in fi-

nancing their high education. Such help has been extended during the past twenty-seven years to 455 students of whom 109 are now holding scholarships to the amount of \$25,792. The present enrollment in the W. M. U. Training School is 166.

**Students of Missions**—The 1942 mission study record is very excellent: a total of 17,994 classes among the young people and 28,778 among the women. The three missionary magazines report substantial increases in circulation: Royal Service, 116,719; World Comrades, 33,048; The Window of Y. W. A., 14,573.

**Number of M. M. U. Organizations**—12,845 missionary societies with 404,144 members; 27,627 graded organizations with a membership of 344,321 young people. Last year 3,130 W. M. U. organizations came into being.

Several months ago we had a letter from a member of the W. M. U. Advisory Board of Baptist Bible Institute asking if Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union would like to assume the responsibility for repairs and furnishings for a room in the men's dormitory at that institution, which will be approximately \$200.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board in April, we agreed to do our part in this work of repairing the dormitory and become responsible for one room.

Although we have not made a public call for this fund, we have already received \$20 from Bolivar County Associational W. M. U. and \$20 from Deer Creek Associational W. M. U.

If there are other associations that have a surplus in their treasuries, this is a worthy cause in which to invest it. It will also give each section of the state a part in this pledge. If there is an individual that wants to make a contribution for this purpose just send it to the W. M. U., marked for that purpose.

We are hoping a number of our Baptist women from over the state will take advantage of the course in narcotic education at Millsaps College as explained in the article below. Those planning to attend from out of the city may write this office for further information.

### Course in Narcotic Education At Millsaps College

Miss Ethel McKeithen, special instructor in narcotic education, is still at work and funds are needed for her support. As treasurer of the Narcotic Education Committee, I plead for help now. While she is leaving this work in September for special study and there will be no one to take her place, Millsaps College is offering a course in narcotic education—June 21 to July 3—which will enable local leaders to continue and improve the work begun by Miss McKeithen. Ministers, church school teachers, or leaders, day school teachers and club women would find the course invaluable in the development of a local program. Let each district

have at least one representative. Tuition is \$10 for two hours college credit, \$5 for those who do not take the course for credit.

If local churches would find one outstanding person in their town or county to take the course, and would raise money for a "scholarship," i. e., tuition, board and lodging, it would indeed be a progressive step. Miss Winnie Buckels of the state department of education is to teach the course—enough said as to its interest and value.

We cannot combat the powers of liquor forces by doing nothing and spending nothing, but with a little effort and small individual expense, and general cooperation we can completely break it. Let us determine to fill that study course to overflowing, and to set up in every local church an adequate and progressive program of alcohol education.

MRS. R. L. EZELL, Treasurer,  
Council for Narcotic Education,  
1002 Arlington, Jackson, Miss.  
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### A CHAPLAIN IN BATTLE Ministering the Gospel Amid the Fires of War

Care of: Postmaster,  
San Francisco, California,  
September 8, 1942.

Dear Grace and Family:

It is now 0815 Tuesday morning on the Solomon Islands. Therefore it is 6:15 Monday afternoon the 7th on the Cape and Kingston. You see, we are across the international date line—and are one day ahead of you—but 8 hours behind you in time of day.

I guess it is all right for me to tell you that I was an eye-witness of the capture by our Marines and Navy of the Solomon Islands. I took part in the landing operations and saw my friends brought in dead and wounded. Also, men right beside me were shot down. But God was good to me and spared my life.

As I wrote in a previous letter, my battle station was in the first aid station. This was a building that had been a store (Lever Brothers, that make Life-buoy Soap). I aided the doctors by washing the wounded. At night, I held the dim blue flash-light for them at the operating table, where they removed shrapnel and bullets. Also, they sewed up the flesh wounds and prepared the men to be sent back to the ships. I contacted the cockswains of the boats and saw to it that the wounded were evacuated immediately to the ships. Sometimes this was a life and death matter, since our first aid doctors did not have the facilities for difficult operations and the ships did. I am glad the good Lord could use me in this service.

Also, that He placed me here to preach the gospel, to give out pocket Testaments to each man, and to tell individually the story of Christ. How little did I realize during those hot stuffy days, when rivers of perspiration poured down my body, when I was telling the gospel to those men in my room, that so many were living the last month of their lives. As I wrote before, there were 29 baptisms on board ship, and over 200 were waiting my instructions and baptism, so mighty was the working of the Holy Spirit.

**Wins Way Into Hearts of Men**  
Well, your husband is now a veteran.

And my colonel said something to me yesterday that made me feel quite proud—and I pass it on to you, since you naturally will be interested. He said, "Chaplain, you have won your way into the hearts of the men. During the time of battle you were unafraid and carried yourself as a good soldier. They have been watching you. You have won the battle into their hearts."

But in a certain sense, every one was afraid. With bombs bursting around you, with bullets whizzing by your head too close for comfort, with men falling by your side—the man who isn't afraid is either crazy or a liar. But God gave me strength and courage to carry on as though I were not afraid, and the faith to trust Him for deliverance.

The night before the battle, a group of men came voluntarily to my room for prayer. You should have heard some of those prayers, such as that of one lad who said, "Dear Lord, if any one falls in the battle tomorrow, may it be me, because I know Christ as my Saviour and Lord. Give some of those poor fellows who do not know Christ another chance, and take me if it be Thy will, O Lord." As far as I know, none of that group who came to my room to pray was either killed or wounded. God spared them all, I believe.

Here on this island I am very busy. Several officers have accepted Christ and have asked me to teach them the Bible. I have worked so hard that the Lord laid me aside for one week. But I am up and around again. Was in bed eight days—high temperature, vomiting, and so forth. Several fellows had the same thing, but we are all better now. I must learn to attempt less. However, when there are so many thousands to care for and so many islands to visit, it keeps me on the go.

As I was coming up from eating, I passed a group of men studying from the New Testament. Honestly, Grace, the Holy Spirit is working mightily here. I thank God that He had a little candlestick on this island, and placed men in it as a light for Jesus Christ. A young chap who had been arguing for atheism on board ship coming over, came to me and said, "Chaplain, if this keeps up much longer, I'll be thinking your way."

The spirit of the men is very good. Two months ago, most of them were boys. Now they are men. They have had their baptism of fire and bullets. We can ever be proud of them. I saw one company cross a causeway to attack the enemy so near at hand. I saw the Japanese flag waving in the wind. In the face of stiff enemy fire, they moved forward. Not one foot wavered! Not one man turned back! Not one coward among them! Many fell wounded and dead in the next few moments. But, soon the position was taken and the Jap flag hauled down.

Well, I could write more and more, but space and censor rules forbid. I have given you no names, troop numbers, or other statistics. blessing. We have so little here—and yet enough.

God bless you all, my dear, dear ones.  
Love to all,  
(The Watchman-Examiner)

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## GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



REV. J. D. GRIFFIN

### GOODYEAR IS GOOD CHURCH Puts Baptist Record in Program

One sign of a good church is that it has a well-rounded program. Good-year church, Picayune, J. D. Griffin, pastor, has such a program. They:

1. Have paid all debts on the church property.
2. Support every cause sponsored by Mississippi Baptists.
3. Have recently raised pastor's salary 33 1-3 per cent.
4. Have a Standard Sunday school.
5. Have weekly street services sponsored by the Brotherhood.
6. Have all organizations promoting the church program.
7. Adopted 50% Plan of The Baptist Record.

Pastor Griffin was formerly pastor of Pearlhaven church at Brookhaven. At Goodyear he is carrying on in the same progressive way that he did at Brookhaven.

Pearl River county has Record readers as follows: BETHEL 38; Carriere 2; GOODYEAR 20; JUNIPER GROVE 64; PICAYUNE 231; POP-LARVILLE 135; UNION 81; ROSE-LAND PARK 20; PINE GROVE 64; NAPOLEON 31; NICHOLSON 9; NEW PALESTINE 20; Amite River 1; GAINESVILLE 12.

### We Copy a Good Idea From Editor Myers

For some time we have noticed an interesting feature in the Arkansas Baptist. In mentioning churches that adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan in Arkansas, Editor Myers numbers the churches consecutively. We are adopting this plan and hereby give notice that it is not original.

### Southern Baptist Press Association

The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association was held in Nashville in connection with the meeting of the Executive Committee. Editor O. W. Taylor and Circulation Manager E. N. Delzell were hosts at a supper in the B. & W. Cafeteria. As usual, Brethren Taylor and Delzell dispensed real Tennessee hospitality. If the circulation of the various papers is as good as the appetites of some of the editors, Louie Newton will soon have his hoped for 500,000 circulation in the South. Southern Baptist Convention President Pat M. Neff spoke to the editors.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Dr. L. L. Gwaltney, editor of the Alabama Baptist, president; Dr. John D. Freeman, editor of the Kentucky Western Recorder, vice-president; Don Norman, promotion manager of the Texas Baptist Standard, secretary.

### Parkway Church, Jackson

While Pastor W. A. Bell was away in a revival meeting at Pontotoc we had the pleasure of preaching at Parkway church. Clifton Tate, chairman of the Board of Deacons, was master of ceremonies and carried on like an old hand. The attendance was good and the friendliness of the people made us feel very much at home.

Hinds county has Record readers listed as follows: Beulah 1; BETHESDA 58; BYRAM 16; CLINTON 145; Edwards 2; CALVARY 855; PARKWAY 136; Davis Memorial 8; NORTH SIDE 104; VAN WINKLE 89; GRIFFITH MEMORIAL 264; Jackson First 216; SOUTHSIDE 44; LEARNED 15; Oakley 1; Old Men's Home 2; POCAHONTAS 21; Daniels 14; Chapel Hill 2; Bolton 5; RAYMOND 60; SALEM 34; Siwell 5; TERRY 73; Utica 21; Dixon 1; PALESTINE 10; MT. MORGAN 10; NEW HAVEN 15.

### The Associated Church Press

It was recently our privilege to attend the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press, an organization of 250 editors, manager and publishers of Protestant church papers in the United States and Canada. The sessions were held at the Prince George Hotel in New York City. The program was as follows: "A War-Time Message from Great Britain," Harold A. Cockburn; "Roving Reporter for Youth," Richard T. Baker—Discussion; "Journalistic Ethics," William B. Lippard; "Religious Journalism—New Style," Homer W. King—Discussion; "A New Editor Looks at His Job," Stephen H. Fritchman; "Notes from the Political Front," Johannes Steel—Discussion; Business and Election of Officers; "Farewell and Hail" (1 The Retiring President, (2) The President-Elect.

At a brief business session, the editors adopted a resolution protesting the use of the radio for liquor advertising and called upon the government to "take action to eliminate this hurtful and insidious menace, which, if persisted in, will ultimately tear down the morality and morale of the American people and frustrate our present national effort."

The following officers were elected to serve a two-year term: Dr. Bernard J. Mulder, editor of the Intelligencer-Leader (Reformed), Grand Rapids,



REV. A. D. MUSE

### McLAIN REVIVAL BEGINS JUNE 20

Rev. A. D. Muse of Memphis will do the preaching for the mid-summer evangelistic services at the First Baptist Church, McLain, beginning Sunday morning, June 20th, according to Dr. William Potter, pastor of the McLain church.

Evangelist Muse is well known to Mississippi Baptists, being a native son and having conducted many meetings in the state during his twenty years of nation-wide evangelism. It is reported that Brother Muse has preached in over 700 revival campaigns and baptized 16,000 believers. Mr. Muse was reared and educated in Mississippi.

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### WHY I READ THE RECORD

Dear Editor:

I want to express in my own words just why I like and read The Baptist Record. The first reason is, I am a Baptist. Second, I don't have good health and can't go to preaching often, and my paper helps keep me informed on what Baptists are doing. Third, when I exhaust what strength I have at work and am forced to stop and rest, I can pick up my Record and find some articles to read that takes me away from earthly things, and I can relax and rest as I could not reading anything else. I usually get my Record on Friday and I never sleep till I have read some of my favorite features. I also try to pass on my Records to someone else. I spent one week of March in a hospital, also the last week of April and the first week of May I spent in the same hospital. My husband brought my Record to me. A nurse saw it, and was so glad to see a Record that I gave it to her. Now I am saving my Records for her, she seems so happy to get them.—A Chalybeate Baptist.

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Mich., president; Dr. Nathan R. Melhorn, editor, The Lutheran, Philadelphia, vice president, and John E. Marvin, editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate (Methodist), Adrian, Mich., secretary-treasurer.

The three-day meeting opened May 2 with a testimonial dinner in honor of Dr. William T. Gilroy, retiring editor of the Advance, Congregationalist monthly published in Boston.

Preceding the Associated Church Press meeting, Religious News Service was host to 30 client editors at an informal luncheon session.

## Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley  
Soldiers, Sailors and Defense  
Projects Service

CAMP McCAIN: Passing this large military base on the train, one is impressed by its vast size. One is impressed to a greater extent if he walks from one side to the other. Such a venture will cost a good part of shoe ration stamp No. 17! Chaplain M. E. Fairchilds, from Minard, Texas, is chaplain at the Station Hospital. A Southern Baptist, a graduate of Baylor and Southwestern Seminary, Chaplain Fairchilds is a tireless worker. From early morning till late at night, he ministers to the patients confined to the hospital. Chaplain Vincent B. Appleton, 346 Infantry, 87 Division, another Southern Baptist, hails from Buffalo, Oklahoma. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., Chaplain Appleton is young, energetic and preaches a sound gospel. He also knows how to operate the tractor on the 700-acre farm of his father back in Oklahoma. He hopes to go home soon to help harvest wheat, food which is so badly needed now. Other chaplains contacted at McCain were: Willis, Cunningham, Newboldt and Backenstose.

WINONA: The First Baptist Church has a Soldier Lounge. The Baptists here serve the boys on Sunday during worship hours, and afterwards in the lounge. The pastor has accepted a call to a new church in the largest housing project in the U. S. A. at Newport News, Virginia. Mississippi's loss will be Virginia's gain in Joseph Flowers.

GREENVILLE ARMY FLYING SCHOOL: To our pleasant surprise we found Chaplain Alvie L. McKnight temporarily assigned here. We were also glad to see Chaplains Reed and Gallagher again. Major McKnight has spent four years in the army. He is a native Mississippian, a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Seminary. Major McKnight returned from Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands in May, after spending six months down there ministering to the boys in the fox-holes.

COMMUNION SET: If there is a church or pastor who owns one and would like for this set to do duty in combat areas in the present war, drop us a line. A Baptist chaplain who has spent months in combat zones, now in the States, who expects to return, needs a Communion set badly for use in the war zone after his return.

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"Dare to Decide" is a book of evangelistic sermons by Ralph W. Neighbour, associate director, LeTourneau Evangelistic Center, New York City. They are helpful, evangelistic and inspiring. The first of these messages are written on the theme of hell; some in the middle of the book deal with the question of faith and salvation; the last few center about the theme of heaven. It is published by Zonervan Publishing House and sells for \$1.00.



**"SAIL AHEAD"**

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churches should put forth their very best efforts to safeguard the religious freedom for which Baptists have stood through the years, and that all our Convention agencies should not only see to it that our victory over the enemy is a physical victory, but that Christianity and all the ideals for which it stands have been completely and conclusively triumphant.

**Additional Responsibility**

The fact that we are not to have the Convention in May assuredly places additional responsibilities on all the boards and agencies of the Convention to carry forward the entire work of the Convention in an efficient and enthusiastic way. In this non-Convention interim, the church—the most vital and most honored of all our institutions—should magnify its functions, should lift high in the local communities the ideals for which we fight, and should demonstrate to all the world that while we keep separate church and state, we fight together cooperatively to maintain the ideals of the church and the functions of the government. . . .

In every church and community, emphasis should be given to the importance of Southern Baptists freeing all of our work from debt. Debts sap the strength of institutions as well as of individuals. With no debts against the denomination, Southern Baptists will be able to do great things for the Master's cause when the war ends. While we buy bonds to help our country win the war against the enemies of democracy, let us give freely to help our denomination win the victory over debt, in order that the gospel message may be heralded to all the world when the war clouds have lifted and once again there is "peace on earth, good will among men."

**Magnify Our Work**

At this time when prohibitions and inhibitions are placed upon travel and the holding of conventions, let the churches magnify the importance of their work. We have time now for many things almost forgotten. There is time for church attendance, for hours of fellowship with our families and neighbors, and for renewed interest in the activities of our churches. This is an hour in which families and churches may well get back to the great fundamentals upon which our nation's life has been built; when like Jacob we may "go back to Bethel" to re-establish our altars of worship and rededicate our lives to the building of a righteous nation, looking to that returning day when our churches, our Christian institutions, our homes must answer the call of the nations to send to them the Light that will never go out.

**In Tune With the Still Small Voice**

In these troublous days when the foundations of the world are shaken and nations are torn asunder with war and death, let every Southern Baptist attune his soul to the call of the still small Voice to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." . . . While we walk in the midst of tribulation and the shadows of destruction lengthen upon the earth, we yet can trust in Him who created man in His own image; we can depend upon Him to lead us out of the darkness; we can "sail ahead, and leave the rest to God."

**EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE ENDS BUT INFLUENCE GOES ON**

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vivals, and the good that comes from them.

For all of these opportunities we give thanks and now we look forward to our summer work in District Six and our fall associational meetings. We feel that after our associations meet we shall have an organization set up for 1944 that will be a blessing and a benediction to all. Pray God that it shall be so.—M. E. Perry, Enlistment Pastor, District Six.

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**LETTER FROM CHAPLAIN SOMEWHERE OVERSEAS**

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coming from preaching from the pulpit but by Christian people talking with lost people daily as we come in contact with them. . . .

May the Lord continue His blessings on your fine paper and on all the work of Christians in the old home state is my earnest prayer. I was reared in McComb and finished Mississippi College and the Seminary at Louisville but was in the pastorate in Virginia when I was called to active duty.—Chaplain P. E. Cullom.

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**NORTHERN BAPTISTS TO RAISE THREE MILLION DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS**

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of Baptist educational institutions.

A plan to "take the Convention" to between 5,000 and 6,000 local churches was endorsed by the council, in view of the fact that the regular session of the Convention was limited this year to meetings of the general council, the finance committee, and various missionary agencies.

The plan provides that recordings of various addresses made by Baptist leaders especially for the purpose will be carried by each representative as he visits the local churches. Exhibits of various materials, literature and church papers will be set up in each church so that all official leaders, Christian education teachers and other workers may be informed of the latest developments.

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**TEN BEST BOOKS**

In order of preference:

Richard C. Cabot, Honesty.

A. C. Reid, Invitation to Worship.

George Buttrick, Prayer.

Gwaltney, Heralds of Freedom.

A. B. Bruce, The Training of the Twelve.

Ralph Cushman, I Have a Stewardship.

Robert M. Bartlett, They Did Something About It.

B. H. Carroll, Messages on Prayer.

Luccock, Preach Values in the Old Testament, in the Modern Translations.

Amos Brown, A Creed For Free Men.

B. FRANK SMITH, Durant.

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Missing: Collins Cooper, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Cooper of Tylertown has been listed as missing in action in the South Pacific. His parents have been informed. A student at Mississippi College, he had served as a tail gunner in the Marine Air Corps, but had been recently made a bombardier.

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**A PICTURE OF PARDON**

Walter L. Johnson, Ph.D., Pastor  
First Baptist Church,  
Philadelphia, Mississippi

In the third chapter of Galatians there are four words, all of them prepositions, which picture the plan of pardon. The late Dr. A. T. Robertson, the great teacher of the Greek New Testament, would make a drawing on the blackboard to illustrate to his students the meanings of the first three of these words. He also gives their sense in his "Word Pictures," in loco. The fourth word, which we add, appears to make clearer the use of the other three. The book of Galatians was written to correct those who were turning from the true doctrine of salvation by grace, which they had been holding, to the false doctrine of salvation by works. The first word, "under" (v. 10), pictures the lost condition of man; the second, "over" (v. 13), the substitutionary or ransom death of Christ; the third, "out" (v. 13), the deliverance or freedom of the lost; and the fourth, "through" (v. 14), the means of obtaining deliverance or freedom.

**I. Under**

"For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse: for it is written, Cursed is every man who continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them." Galatians 3:10.

A curse is over all mankind. All men are "under" a curse, which hangs "like a Damascus blade" (Robertson). The reason for the curse is that no one has always continued "in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them."

Salvation by the law demands a perfect life, and no one, except Jesus Christ has ever lived such a life. James 2:10 states the matter thus: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all."

A chain one thousand miles long with one broken link is a broken chain. All men have broken at least one link of the chain of God's law, and hence are "under" a curse. This curse is "death," Romans 6:23, "eternal death," Matthew 25:46.

Neither could one who has sinned be saved by a perfect life, were he able to live such a life, from now until the time of his death. A man goes to a bank and borrows a million dollars. After having spent it all and being unable to pay the debt, he says to the banker, "The debt is just, but I am unable to pay it. However, I will make it right—I'll never borrow another dollar from you as long as I live." Never borrowing more would not pay the debt already owed. Neither will not sinning more, even to the point of living a perfect life, save one who is already lost. Without

something more than this the sinner still stands condemned to eternal death.

**III. Over**

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us" (v. 13). The Greek word translated "for" is literally "over" (hyper, from which our English "super" comes). The curse of awful eternal death was hanging over us, due to fall on us. Christ came in "over" us, but under the curse which He let fall on Himself. I deserved to die, but Christ gave His life for my eternal death in my stead, for me, "over" me. The sinless One died for my sins, for the sins of many, "for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due." Isaiah 53:8.

**III. Out**

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law." This passage literally translated is, "Christ outbought (ransomed) us out from the curse of the law." The "out" is repeated, being used once with the verb and again with the noun. Nineteen hundred years ago He died "once" (Hebrews 9:26) for "all" our sins (Hebrews 10:12, 14). Since this death is once for all sufficient, we may go "out" free. When Christ came in "over" us and took our curse in His own body on the tree, He took all of it, so that we may be wholly delivered. We may walk "out" from "under" the curse because Christ has become "over" us a curse.

**IV. Through**

How may we go "out" free? The answer is found in verse 14: "That upon the Gentiles might come the blessing of Abraham in Christ Jesus; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." The Gentiles (heathen) in all the world may walk out from under the curse which Christ has borne over them "through" (Greek dia, intermediate agency) faith in Him. There is no other way of pardon except "through" faith. If a check for a million dollars were sent to me signed by the secretary of United States treasury, it would be worthless unless I should sign my own name on the back of it. And so it is that when all were "under" a curse, Christ became a curse "above" all, that all might walk "out" from under the curse "through" faith in Him, acceptance for themselves by personal endorsement, or trust, of the Christ who became a curse for them.

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Rev. Bruce Hilbun, enlistment pastor, was with the Antioch church in Jones county for a special meeting the last week in May. Paul Z. Ball is pastor. Two were baptized at this church on the third Sunday in May.

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## HOW ARE WE SAVED?

Our plans are to have a great soul winning campaign this spring. Just what are we planning to do? Are we looking for church members so that we can advertise to the world our great success in numbers? Or are we going to forget numbers and preach the GOSPEL? There is only ONE way to be saved. It is a NARROW way. Just one gate and it is a narrow gate. Wanting to go to heaven will not get a person in. Believing about Christ will not get them in. They MUST realize they are lost—doomed to a devil's hell with only one hope. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." The ten commandments will not save, and never had anything to do with salvation. Paul said they were a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. Living a good life has nothing to do with attaining salvation. The murderer and lowest dregs of humanity are just as close to heaven as the most moral man in your community. How near is that? His will. We are not condemned because of SINS but because of SIN. What is SIN? What was SIN in the Garden? BELIEVING THE DEVIL instead of BELIEVING GOD. What is SIN today? Failure to BELIEVE on Jesus Christ. Believing the devil when he whispers in our ear. "You are not silly enough to believe that rot about Jesus saving, just go out and quit drinking or gambling or something else and you will then be good enough to be saved." GOODNESS has nothing to do with our being saved. Let us take an illustration. Abraham was looking for a place. We are looking for a place—heaven. Suppose there was some beautiful home here we wanted. We would see the owner and he would make us a price. That price must be paid to get a deed to that home. Suppose we would say, "I have lived a good life, you should GIVE it to me because I have been a good man." Or, "You should not give it to some other man because he has lived like a devil." We would not be that foolish. Neither should we be that foolish about getting a deed to heaven. The man who owns the home is not interested in how we lived or are living. HE IS INTERESTED IN THE PRICE BEING PAID TO SETTLE THE ACCOUNT. When that price is paid, and only when it is paid, he gives a deed to the property and the home is ours. So it is with God. The price of heaven is a sinless life lived by one who was not under the penalty of death pronounced because of SIN, and a sacrificial death.

We can not pay the price, we have no hope of ever attaining that home. But a friend comes along and says, "I am able to pay the price," and pays it and says, "Here is the deed to the home, it is yours for the ACCEPTING." We have to BELIEVE that HE paid the price, and BELIEVE that he means it when he offers us the deed, and we have to ACCEPT the deed. When we do these three things, the home is ours.

So it is with a home in heaven. Two scriptures bring out very clearly the grounds for this article. John 3:18—"... but he that believeth NOT is condemned already, BECAUSE he hath NOT BELIEVED in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Condemned because he got drunk? Condemned because he was a gambler? Condemned because he committed SINS? No, BECAUSE he hath not

How do we know they are winking at their own advice? "Because," suggests the American Business Men's Research Foundation, "there is a very simple way to increase the sale of bonds, decrease absenteeism, and all they are preaching about.

"Just close the saloons—stop the sale of money-wasting, absenteeism-causing, morale-shattering booze for the duration!"

Why don't these super-patriots try it? The answer is that the booze business is the business of selling booze, let the consequences be what they may.

DR. R. G. LEE CONCLUDES  
MENDENHALL REVIVAL

Dr. Lee has come and gone, but his sermons, influence and personality will abide with us. He preached great sermons, and great crowds came to hear him. He climaxed a series of wonderful sermons with his famous sermon on "Payday Some Day." Dr. Lee preaches the gospel of Christ with unusual power and in an unusual way. He believes the gospel with all his soul and preaches it with all his power, even where it runs counter to the age in which we live. He is a city preacher who doesn't compromise with evil nor apologize for preaching the truth. He is at home in any home and any church.—Chas. C. Jones, pastor.

BELIEVED on Christ. John 20:31—"... and that believing ye might have life through His name." How have life? By keeping the ten commandments? By living a good life? By quitting some of my sins? NO, by believing on His name.

It is my sincere hope that this evangelistic campaign shall redound to the saving of many souls, but let us be sure that we are not getting a lot of members by creating a false idea that church membership, or wanting to go to heaven or living right, or any other thing than BELIEVING ON THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, will save. Let's put the emphasis on the Narrow Way—on the Door.—J. A. Thigpen.



Dire distress: From Miss Margie Shumate comes this harrowing word picture which challenges every Christian to heed the words of the compassionate Christ: "Give ye them to eat." "About eight months ago starving people from the Sz Yap began to flock into the counties to the west, which made us realize that the food situation in the Sz Yap must be serious. I came to Toi Shan, the center of the famine district, in August, and have been here most of the time since. Conditions were serious then, and have steadily become worse every week since. Thousands of girls have been taken to the interior counties and sold as wives, concubines and slaves. Hundreds of small children have been abandoned on the streets or along the roadside. Doubtless the mothers hoped that someone would pick them up, but most of these little ones have perished. Gangs of poor little ragged boy skeletons roam the streets of every village, town and city, begging, and often stealing to live. Many of these have perished. I have often seen these starving children squatting in the streets laboriously picking grains of rice out of the dirt, where they have fallen from the straw bags which were being moved, and eating them raw."

First church, Kosciusko, Rowe C. Holcomb, pastor, had a dedication service for the Christian Flag, the United States Flag and the Service Roll on Sunday, May 30. The Service Roll contains 70 names.

Rev. N. S. Jackson, state Anti-Saloon superintendent, has been awarded a special scholarship for the summer school of alcoholic studies at Yale University.

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## EVERY READER SHOULD FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Below is given a general questionnaire which all our readers are asked to fill out and send to the paper promptly.

Study the questionnaire. It is explicit. Please answer it explicitly according to your best judgment.

The results will be tabulated for future reference and guidance.

Now be sure to tell what you think about The Baptist Record, good or bad. Your response is eagerly awaited.

Ready! Aim! Go!—yes, Fire! if you want to!

## Baptist Record Reader Interest Survey

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Name, in order, your three favorite features of The Baptist Record:

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Check the features you consider most worthwhile: Inspirational articles \_\_\_\_\_ News \_\_\_\_\_ History \_\_\_\_\_ Pictures \_\_\_\_\_ Crossword puzzle \_\_\_\_\_ Sermons \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School Lesson \_\_\_\_\_ Cartoons \_\_\_\_\_ Interpretations \_\_\_\_\_ Editorials \_\_\_\_\_ Contributed Editorials \_\_\_\_\_ Selected Editorials \_\_\_\_\_ Special pages: Missions \_\_\_\_\_ WMU \_\_\_\_\_ SS \_\_\_\_\_ BTU \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood \_\_\_\_\_ Doctrinal articles \_\_\_\_\_ Know Your Bible \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for better paper \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The Baptist Record respectfully requests that no one give his or her name. Your conscientious answers, however, will be greatly appreciated and very helpful. The only cost to you will be the stamp for returning this form fully executed, but this cost will be easily justified by the service of love you render.



### GASOLINE AND BLOOD

By Prof. Roy C. Spooner  
West China Union University  
(Abridged)

Before the Pacific war, freight for West China had a long, perilous journey. After crossing the ocean it was loaded at Shanghai on small Yangtze river steamers. Those who know the Wind Box of the Witch mountain gorges will ever remember the fierce resistance of the Yangtze.

Even in days of comparative safety, supplies were generally escorted by members of the staff of the University. In this way, delays were omitted, and certain illegal taxes were waived. Since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war it has been increasingly necessary to have personal escorts. The Yangtze river route was closed in the summer of 1937 and succeeded by the Hongkong-Canton-Hankow and Yangtze river route; this was open for only a brief period before it was closed by the Japanese. After Canton was lost, a large order of medical supplies in the care of Dr. Liljestrand reached Free China through the French-controlled port of Kwangchow Wan. These trips were exciting. The lorries had to be driven day after day over mud and gravel paths. Grades were steep and dangerous. Collisions due to reckless driving caused many accidents. Filling stations were non-existent. Garages found only in large cities, and spare parts were few and far between. Commonly the night's rest was found in the cabs of the trucks, or on the tables of the wayside inns.

Dr. Lewis Smythe and Dr. J. C. Thomson, of the University of Nanking, were both responsible for the transfer of large and important shipments to Chengtu, including 75 large boxes containing valuable apparatus which had been left in Nanking when the home campus was evacuated in 1937. W. B. Albertson, bursar of West China Union University, was in frail health, but he volunteered to see this precious cargo through. When it reached the border, the Chinese had destroyed the bridge. He found coolies, and ferried all the freight to the Chinese side of the river. Half a dozen boxes were too heavy to be handled, and had to be repacked. The big consignment started up the road-bed on the backs of men. Albertson hoped to reach the nearest point still served by the railroad, but became ill with an infected foot and malignant malaria. The freight was left parked in the open jungle, and Albertson was carried to Kunming for medical attention. Here he died, far from his family and his friends. Dr. W. Crawford of the University offered to take over. He also became seriously ill, and did not recover his health for several months. . . . The next effort was successful. . . . C. Y. Sun already had assisted Albertson and Crawford, and now he carried on alone. The following are excerpts from his report:

"I ought not to go, but how could I help it? No one dared go with me. . . . I determined to trust my life to God. When I arrived, I was seriously ill again with malaria. . . . I took a hwakan (a chair carried by two coolies). It was dangerous, as the day before two men had been shot by bandits just 100 yards outside the village. . . . I found only a few coolies there, all seriously ill. . . . With the

### DR. A. L. EMERSON

Dr. A. L. Emerson, chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Hernando Baptist Church and president of the Men's Bible class and chairman of the Executive Committee of DeSoto County Baptist Association, went home to live in that house not made with hands eternal in the heaven, on May 9, 1943.

Dr. Emerson was faithful in all these high offices. He was given to hospitality. His home was the visiting preacher's home. Dr. Emerson went about doing good. We loved him.—Hugh Foster, Superintendent the Sunday school.

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A. E. Pardue has resigned the pastorate at Magnolia to become city missionary at Baton Rouge under the Home Mission Board. We hope to have more about his work at Magnolia in next week's issue.

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### ORCHARDS FOR CHINA

We owe a debt of gratitude to China for many of our common fruits. The Sunkist orange of California reached us from West China by way of Spain. Tangerines, the best persimmons, and apricots, as well as varieties of cherries and peaches, all originated in China. Recently we have begun to repay our debt. Twenty years ago, Dr. Frank Dickinson of West China Union University returned from furlough with a number of seedlings of the famous Eureka lemon to be planted on the Chengtu campus. Just before his boat reached Chungking it was wrecked in a rapid, and when the seedlings finally were recovered from the bottom of the Yangtze river, all were dead except one. This year hundreds of crates of fine lemons are being sent to the corners of Free China. All these lemons—a crop in 1943 worth a million dollars to the Chinese people—are the descendants of this one tree. Hundreds of native citrus trees have been grafted with the superior stock, and are bearing fruit in abundance.

Dr. Dickinson also has added fine apples to the Chinese diet. Sometimes travelers from abroad who visit him are gratified to find on the breakfast table some of the finest apples they have ever seen. Their host may tease them with the statement that this fruit has just arrived by Clipper from America. Actually, the markets of Chengtu are often heaped with apples American farmers would be proud to produce. All are the god-children of this agricultural missionary, and of the institution he represents.

help of the local Chinese official, I found enough horses. . . . I was taken sick with malaria again, while air-raid warnings were our daily food. . . . During this job, about 30 coolies and five horses died. About 120 coolies fell sick."

As this is being written, only air transportation is available. In far-away Karacho, India, is piled up a desperately needed order of medicines and equipment. Somehow, some way, heroic men will see this shipment through.

### SUNDAY NIGHT

"The risen Lord established the Sunday night service. When His discouraged and despairing disciples met in the upper room that first Sunday night after His resurrection early in the morning, Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst to comfort and strengthen them. For some reason, Thomas was missing. For a whole week he groped in darkness in the midst of his doubts and fears. He paid the penalty for not being present. Thomas was there the next Sunday and all his doubts were dissolved.

Those who absent themselves from the Lord's house on Sunday night are not only doing themselves a grave injustice, but are setting before the world a very hurtful example. They are missing the blessed, strengthening influence of the Lord's presence, which they cannot find in the pursuit of worldly pleasures."—Dr. R. G. Lee, in Church Bulletin.

### MRS. DAVIS M. BEARD

Recently the Cary Baptist Church sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Davis M. Beard. Mrs. Beard had been a member of the Cary church but a few months, but during this time had endeared herself to the church and community. She was a fine Christian woman and loved her church and home, and was devoted to her Saviour.

A multitude of friends deeply sympathize with her husband and six excellent children in their sorrow. The people of Cary join a large group of friends and relatives in heartfelt sympathy and pray that the Lord may comfort them in this time of great need.

The service was held in McComb, where a large group of relatives and friends gathered as a tribute of respect and appreciation for her Christian influence. The service was conducted by her pastor, who was assisted by Rev. W. A. Gill of McComb, a long-time friend of the family and another friend of the family, Rev. B. T. Bishop, also of McComb. Her children shall call her "blessed."

REV. J. W. T. SILER, Pastor,  
Cary Baptist Church.

### SERVICE MEN'S DEPARTMENT

Your prayers by day and by night; and your financial support through the Cooperative Program, State Missions, and the U. S. Service Men's Department, makes possible such reports as listed below:

#### REPORT

#### Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects — May 1943

By FRED R. LANGLEY

Military bases visited: Jackson; Keesler Field, Biloxi; Key Field, Meridian. Baptist Centers visited: First Church, Biloxi; all others contacted by mail. USO Buildings visited: New Orleans and Meridian. Hospital visited: New Orleans, Southern Baptist. Institutes visited: New Orleans, B.B.I.; Mississippi College graduation. Shut-ins visited: Jackson—one. Churches attended: Biloxi, First; Jackson, First; Parkway, Jackson; Clinton. Pastors' conference attended and spoke once: Central Mississippi Baptist, about twenty pastors present. Civic clubs attended and spoke once: Lions Club, Monticello, Chaplain, May 11th; Lions Club, Monticello, Red Cross Director, May 25th. Prayer group attended and furnished speaker: Clinton, Capt. Williams.

Pastors contacted personally on field	6
U. S. Army Chaplains contacted personally	5
Soldiers assisted with problems	1
U. S. Army Chapel services attended	1
Complaints reported to Home Mission Board	2
Letters received from Army Chaplains	7
Letters written to Army Chaplains	10
Letters received from soldiers	2
Other letters received	8
Other letters written	15
Baptist Record articles written	4
Baptist Record subscriptions turned in	1
Personal request for Testaments filled	5
Contribution to Now Club from soldier turned in	1
Baptist Tracts requested and supplied	750
Gospels requested and supplied	200
Stationery requested and supplied	3000 sheets, 1000 envelopes
Cards handled on men in training	15

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BILOXI

The following is a partial report of my work among the soldiers during the month of May.

Conducted five socials, total attendance	270
Served at the above socials	
Served in the office by day	270
Testaments given	8
Tracts handed out	1900
Letters and cards mailed	439
Books added to the library	19
New members added to the church this month	6
Conducted Tuesday evening conferences with new members.	
New equipment added to recreation room. Open house daily.	
Planned and arranged weddings for couples being married.	

Sincerely yours,

ELIZABETH PICKERING, Church Hostess and Secretary.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Mr. McCall:

We are reporting another good month in our Fellowship hour. Our average of 42 has been just about the same, but have had some new boys to come in and lost some of our regular ones. We have had the mothers of two of the boys to visit us this month, and they have been much impressed with the way we entertain the boys.

Sincerely,

MRS. BEN C. PENN, Secretary.

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## Sunday School Department

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**SUNSHINE SCATTERERS**  
Standard Intermediate Class

The Sunshine Scatterers Intermediate class, Liberty Hill church, Panola county, Mrs. Gaston McCullough, teacher, is very proud of the standard recognition for the second quarter of this year.

They began on January 1 with an enrollment of ten girls, and the present enrollment is 13. "Serve the Lord with gladness," may well be the motto of these fine girls.

The names of those appearing in the above picture are, left to right: Hazel Hill, Juanita Dollihite, Nola Sturgis, Sara Pitcock, Bobbie Lou Burns, Mary Alice Anthony, Mary Millsaps, Jane McCullar.

### Were We Wrong?

For some time we have been saying that it is more difficult for a large Sunday school to become standard than for a small one. Yet, things have happened this year that have almost caused us to have a change of mind on the subject. We have now more of our large Sunday schools on the standard list than we have ever had for any one year.

The latest to join this group are Laurel First, Dr. L. G. Gates, pastor, Sam Lindsey, superintendent, and Tupelo, Calvary, Dr. F. M. Powell, pastor, Medford Leake, superintendent.

Also, other recent standard schools are Parkway, Jackson, Dr. W. A. Bell, pastor, Miss Eunice Sandlin, acting superintendent, and Magee, Rev. G. O. Parker, pastor, John H. Mangum, superintendent.

This gives us to date these standard schools among the larger churches of the state: Calvary-Jackson, West Laurel, Meridian-First, Hattiesburg-Fifth Avenue, Laurel-First, Tupelo-Calvary, and Jackson-Parkway.

Congratulations to these recent standard school leaders!

### Please Note

The Nashville office writes us that frequently examination papers on individual study of Sunday school training course books are sent to that office with no association or church given.

Since they keep the complete record by associations and churches for each state, it will be very helpful if all the people sending such papers will be sure to put the name of the church and the association on the examination paper.

The Nashville office also tells us that sometimes teachers of training classes in sending the reports in fail to check all the requirements as having been met and also fail to have the teacher sign the report blank. Therefore, all teachers teaching Sunday school training classes will help avoid delay in getting awards by see-

ing that all requirements are checked and the teacher's name signed in the proper place.

### It Does Help

In sending in the application for their standard award this year, Mr. W. A. Moody, superintendent of the Fifth Avenue Baptist school of Hattiesburg, says: "It is with joy that we submit this application. The task has not been easy, but in achieving this accomplishment it has done much for our Bible school force. We now know that it can be done."

This fine superintendent has certainly given expression to a great truth in the above statement. It is not easy to standardize a Sunday school, but, as he well says, in the doing of it, the school is greatly helped. And after all, it is simply the matter of trying to help our schools that we want to promote in them this excellent program that points the way so definitely to a number of items that should always be foremost in the thinking and planning of our officers and teachers. Yes, it is not easy, but it is worthwhile. Many of the finest possessions of life are not easily gained.

### Record Questionnaire

Brother Goodrich is running in The Baptist Record a questionnaire by which he hopes to gather information that will be helpful in improving the Record. The questionnaire is simply asking for each person's choice of various items and features of the Record.

Therefore, we hope that each reader will respond to this request of the editor of the Record and fill out the questionnaire and mail it at once to The Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

### Ridgecrest

We have just been informed that gasoline for school buses to Ridgecrest will not be available except on special permit from the ODT office from Atlanta, Ga.

This practically eliminates any possibility of school buses going this year. However, those desiring to go for any of the weeks may do so by train or regular bus lines, and we hope that many will take advantage of these means of transportation to attend Ridgecrest. In order to avoid the special week-end travel, all programs this year will begin on Wednesday evening and close at noon Tuesday.

### Ridgecrest

The special Victory Week for associational Sunday school officers is July 7-13. The full week's program has been planned especially for aiding Sunday school associational officers. We hope many will be there to prepare for an even greater service in this important field of work.

The regular Sunday School Week for all Sunday school officers and teachers is July 14-20. A great program has been planned with many outstanding speakers for the inspirational hours, and noted leaders for the various department conference periods.

Plan now to attend Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest, July 14-20.

### THE LAND OF OUR MASTER

H. Leo Eddleman

Probably twenty-five per cent of the Jews returning to Palestine come with deep religious fervor, while the other seventy-five per cent are about like the typical unbelieving American. Most interesting experiences have been ours as we have talked with both these classes about the gospel. We usually have many contacts with them before introducing the subject of the so-called "Christians" they have known in Europe, such as the Spaniards of the Inquisition, the Italians of Mussolini's day, the Polish priests who, until recently, instigated the cruel pogroms against Jews, the Germans of anti-Semitic fame. Once this crust of prejudice has been penetrated, they are most interesting to approach with the gospel. Many have come to us "by night" either to talk about Christ or to buy a New Testament. Going into their colonies with the gospel were unforgettable events in our lives. Sometimes we would be well received; again prejudice would cause us to leave abruptly. Once, while trying to disseminate gospel truth in a Jewish colony, we were being jeered at and invited to leave when one husky voice cried above the others, "If your Christ has anything of love and mercy to offer us, why don't you go tell it to Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini; they are your brothers in Christ." I was quick to respond, "Brothers in Christ? What do you mean? We have no connection with those fellows." "Oh, yes you do," came the answer, "Stalin was immersed thrice in infancy into the Greek Orthodox Church, Hitler was christened a Protestant when a baby, and Mussolini was christened into the Roman Catholic Church while yet an infant. They are your brothers for they were baptized into the same faith and religion." From that time forward, without any undue reference to other denominations, we went straight to the point in every message and contact to set forth the difference between a person who is "born" a Christian merely because his parents were Christians and had him christened or "baptized" in infancy and a person who, after reaching the age of accountability made a choice to become a Christian and follow Christ. The implications of this good Baptist doctrine need to be widely understood today. Christ and His church are being blamed for a lot of devilment done by nominal "Christians" who have never experienced a clear-cut acceptance of Christ, but who have, by their conduct, consistently rejected Him. Yet because they were christened in infancy or born of Christian parents, their sinfulness is identified with Christians.

Last summer, down at Tiberias, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, while preaching in a Hebrew service on the second coming of Christ, I noticed a Jewish soldier in the small audience. He seemed about to get up and run out; but I was mistaken regarding him, for just as I was closing the message he rose and began, amid tears, to say something like this: "Friends, I don't know that I have understood all I have heard here today, but I do know that it has fitted my heart exactly; and if the rest of the New Testament is like what I have heard here today, then I am sure that I shall believe that too. All my life I have prayed from memory or by reading in synagogues, but this is the first time I have ever felt that God was present with those praying. As I leave for the front I want you all to know that I have accepted into my soul that which I have heard here today." A short while ago I received a letter from the friend in whose home we were meeting that day, and he wrote me that that soldier, son of Abraham though he was, has become a light in the camp where he was quartered and was still rejoicing in his faith in Christ Jesus.

The Jews will respond to the gospel if we let go our prejudices against them and go to the trouble to try to eliminate whatever prejudice they may have toward us. A lady asked me the other day if we actually "lived among the Jews only" the year we were at Tel Aviv; our answer was in the affirmative and then

### 25 YEARS AGO

Four Sunday schools have been given the standard award, namely: Oxford, Calhoun City, Immanuel at Hattiesburg, and Shubuta.

W. T. Quisenberry gave a good report of the Mt. Zion church in Lincoln county, of which A. D. Muse was pastor, in reviewing their stewardship advances.

Since O. U. Sullivan, pastor, came to Cascilla there have been 46 added to the membership of the churches in his field. The pastor's salary was raised, also.

From Summit a fine report was sent by S. W. Rogers telling of the progress being made there.

Silver City, Midnight and Louise have no Baptist preacher. The State Mission Board ought to put a strong man on this field.—W. A. Sullivan, Belzoni.

Dr. M. O. Patterson of Clinton recommends J. V. Posey to pastors needing a song leader, and states that he is the son of Rev. L. D. Posey of Louisiana.

O. D. Bowen of Gulfport writes regarding the situation of the churches and their pulpit Bibles, stating that many do not have any pulpit Bibles, and that often the ones which do have, use books in such condition and "so torn to pieces they would make good rat nests."

### A READER APPRECIATES THE QUESTIONNAIRE

I think this plan to ask for real-well-meant, constructive criticism from the readers of the Record is to be appreciated by the subscribers of The Baptist Record, and shows a commendable spirit on the part of the managers. I am going to pray that the manager and editor will live so close to God that they will receive wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit in making our paper a power for righteousness.

—BR—

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she, with a delicate twitch of her aristocratic nose said, "I don't see how you stood it." It is surprising how much latent anti-Semitism there is here in our own Southland, along with that other great racial problem regarding which we so greatly need to get ourselves right. One great Jew in the British Parliament said a few years ago, "The Jews are just like everybody else—only more so." They are just weary humans and, like everybody else, they need our Christ.

Although it is a small country Palestine is actually two mission fields. There are two different people with two languages which are more unlike than English and German. They have two distinct standards of living which differ as much as the Chinese standards differ from those of the American.

Sitting in a Jewish restaurant one day I counted ten languages which I recognized. Two-thirds of Palestine's population is Arabian. The other one-third is Jewish. There is a certain minority, some eight per cent of the entire population, which is nominally Christian, composed of the five branches of Catholicism which are Roman Catholicism, Greek Orthodox, Armenian, Syriac and Coptic Catholicism.—The Commission.



## Baptist Training Union

AIM—Training in Church Membership

AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary JACKSON, MISS.  
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### Take a Minute Off—Just One Minute

More than once Mr. Goodrich has had a questionnaire in the Record asking that all readers fill it in and return to The Baptist Record. It can be pasted on a postal card, or better still will be to write a letter along with it and mail. The idea is to find out how the various departments of the Record are used. For instance, if no one reads the Baptist Training Union Department, why give space to it?—This will apply to every other part of the Record. We are anxious that the paper shall serve the largest usefulness possible and the taking of a minute to fill in the questionnaire and mailing it will help in making the paper more useful, and this small service on your part will be appreciated by all. This department has been carried in The Baptist Record since February 1918, more than 25 years. We have tried to make it carry items of interest to Training Union workers, we have appreciated news items from the unions, have been happy to pass on through this department to other unions any helpful plans, as novel programs, etc. If you read this department regularly you will help establish its value by dropping The Baptist Record a card, using the printed form in the Record, expressing yourself. If the response, or lack of it, justifies we will discontinue this part of the paper.

### Blonnye Foreman to Be in Conventions

Mr. Blonnye Foreman, missionary to interior Brazil, will be one of the guest speakers at the District Conventions meeting the last week, that is he will be in the conventions meeting in Jackson, June 21, Durant, June 22, Moorhead June 23, Paynes June 24 and Lyon the 25th. Mr. Foreman was with us in our District Conventions about seven years ago, at the same time Itsuko Sieto was with us. We felt that that was one of our best years, and are so glad to have Brother Foreman with us again, just sorry we could not get him for all fifteen meetings. Let all leaders work harder for a good attendance.

We can still use a few additional volunteer workers for the summer. If you want to serve, drop us a card indicating it. We will have our workers meet for a three-day clinic at the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson June 30-July 3, going out from there to the fields of service. We are asking the churches we serve this summer to take a free will offering, these offerings will be pooled and at the close of the season will be divided among the workers. In addition to this, the workers will receive expenses for travel and entertainment while on the field.

### Kosciusko Has Successful Training School

The week of May 23-28 marked a good week for the Training Union of Kosciusko. Three outside workers had the privilege of helping in the school, and Mr. Granville Myrick,

local counselor for the Young People's Union taught the book for the young people. The outside workers were Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg, who taught the Juniors, Mrs. Taylor Howard of Water Valley worked with the Intermediates, and Auber J. Wilds, State B. T. U. secretary, met with the adults. The regular schedule for a training school was followed, classes for the first 45 minutes, intermission for devotional, fun and records for 30 minutes, and classes again for 45 minutes. The Intermediates led in attendance. Pastor Rowe C. Holcomb and Director J. C. Maxwell are proud of their 11 unit organizations in the Training Union. The unions have good leaders and a spirit of progress marks the work.

### Will We See You Next Week?

Our District Conventions are on. This week was the first week of the series. We will report on these meetings next week, and next week we hope to see you in one of the following five places. Beginning on Monday and going through Friday we will hold meetings as follows: Raleigh, Monday; Ellisville, Tuesday; Salem, Covington county, Wednesday; Wiggins, Thursday, and First McComb on Friday. Bring a big crowd from your church, the program begins at 2 p. m. Beautiful colored pictures that night showing our Baptist work in Mississippi.

### The Executive Committee Meeting

Perhaps the most important meeting of the Training Union is the Executive Committee meeting. If that is true, someone is saying, we do not have the most important meeting. I find that many of our directors, directors of good Training Unions have not yet adopted the monthly Executive Committee meeting as a part of his program. It is a little like going into the kitchen to cook dinner and not having gone to market for the necessary food. Just start this all important meeting and see what a difference it makes in the work of the unions. Of course just having a meeting of these officers will not profit much, and having the meeting and discussing problems and plans will not be worth much unless these plans are carried out. It is the doing of the things we plan in this meeting that makes it a valuable asset to the Union. We suggest the following as a minimum plan for the Executive Committee meeting:

**Those to attend**—All general and departmental officers, all general committee chairmen and all heads of unions, that is, leaders and counselors and presidents of unions that do not have a counselor.

**Matters for discussion**—Problems (one problem sometimes might need as much time as is allotted to the meeting; however, if it is not that important, do not let it consume the time). Calendar of activities (the southwide, the state, the church and the union all have a calendar of activities that should be considered. Efficiency plans, general policies, co-ordination, better music, tithing em-

W. C. Wood, former pastor at Crosby, where he had the EVERY FAMILY Plan, did not forget his Mississippi "raising." He had the EVERY FAMILY Plan at Crosby and when he went to Ponchatoula he promptly led his church to adopt the Louisiana EVERY FAMILY Plan. The church is now out of debt several years ahead of schedule. Several hundred dollars have been spent in building repairs and in redecorating both the church and the pastor's home. Cooperative

phases, enlargement, extension work, church, association, district, state and southwide programs. These are but a few of the matters worthy of serious consideration. The Training Union as a whole should be working together in a unified plan of promotion. The Executive Committee and the Officers Council (that we will discuss in a later issue of the Record) are necessary to unify the work and make of it a real training service of the church. Perhaps Friday night before the last Sunday in each month is the best time for the Executive Committee meeting. Some unions find a full hour before Training Union meets on Sunday, the last Sunday in each month, a good time. You be the judge of that. It should be a set time so every one can set it aside as a preferred engagement each month.

## KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS

1. Where is the "Lord's Prayer Book," and what do you know about it?
2. Did you know that the last verse of the Old Testament ends with a curse, and the last verse of the New Testament ends with a blessing?
3. Paradise is often interpreted as the "Garden of Eden." Paradise was known in Persia B. C. To what use was it put at that time?
4. Before Peter described Christ as the "chief shepherd" in I Peter 5:4 the phrase was used in early Egypt. See number four for its use at that time.

(Correct answers on Page 15.)

Program receipts are larger than ever before. The pastor's salary has been increased \$50.00 per month and the building fund has several hundred dollars in it. Fred Bookter, now pastor of Central church at McComb was pastor at Ponchatoula five years and left a good foundation for his successors.

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## WORTHY, ENDURING MEMORIALS

In the course of time death comes to all. At that time "all that we can hold in our cold, dead hands is what we have given away."

There is one sure way by which one can project his life for good throughout all the future years. It is in the making of gifts in our wills to institutions serving the Master's cause. We suggest for consideration the establishment of a memorial to yourself or a loved one for one of the following purposes:

1. To provide the expenses for caring for the poor orphan children from your county who may need the care of the Baptist Orphanage.
2. To provide for the education of ministerial students from Mississippi needing help who may desire to enter Southwestern Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary or Baptist Bible Institute.
3. To provide for the Christian education of worthy boys and girls from your county in one of our Baptist colleges.
4. To provide hospital facilities for the unfortunate sick and suffering from your county who do not have the income to secure treatment which would restore them to health.
5. To provide a fund so that the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board may employ an evangelist in your name who will go out all over the State carrying Christ's message to the lost.

Without expense or obligation on your part write to us for information.

## BAPTIST BEQUEST COMMITTEE

O. B. Taylor, Director Box 896 Jackson, Mississippi



## DO SOMETHING

The following story illustrates an important point:

"A little girl lay unconscious on her bed. Her physician bent over, examined her, shook his head, turned to the child's mother and whispered, 'She is going.'"

"'Going?' gasped the mother. 'Do you mean she is dying?'"

"'Yes,' replied the doctor.

"The mother, dazed, stared for a moment at her little girl. Then she wheeled on the doctor.

"'Do something!' she shrieked. 'Do something!'"

"'There is nothing I can do, my poor woman,' answered the doctor compassionately.

"The crazed mother seized the doctor by the lapels of his coat and shook him violently.

"'Do something!' she screamed at the top of her lungs. 'If she were your child you would do something! Now you do something. And do it quickly.'"

"The doctor began doing things. I don't know what he did—I never heard. Probably he began doing things. Whether what he did had any effect or not or whether Nature got into action as she often does at what seems to be the last moment, cannot be told. But one thing can be told; the little girl began to revive. She got well. Today she has a family of her own. And her mother still tells the story of the critical moment when she jarred a hopeless physician into doing something."

One of the great railroads—the Northern Pacific, I think—is said to tell its employees, "In case of emergency, you do something. Should you do the wrong thing, you may be forgiven; but if you do nothing you will not be forgiven."

An idea is not complete until translated into action. A vision will not bless the world until it becomes a reality. At Blue Mountain College potential leaders become actual leaders by learning to DO things. Leadership does not come from books; it comes from life—from participating in activities that develop it. Blue Mountain attracts girls with a sense of values and potential leadership ability—girls with initiative. They become women who in emergencies DO SOMETHING.

Mississippi Baptists have an opportunity this month to do something to help Blue Mountain College carry on its mission of training Christian leaders by making liberal offerings through their churches.

—BR—

Valentia Roy Mitz, a Ukrainian said in a lecture recently at Arcadia, Florida, concerning liquor drinking in the army: "In Russia if a woman offers a soldier liquor she has to serve six months in prison, if she gives it to him she is shot. There can be no drinking by the soldiers while the war is on, for the men must be strong, healthy and fully possessed of every whit of their strength and ability." Russia has learned that sober soldiers can fight better than drinking soldiers. Will the government at Washington ever learn that lesson, or would they rather lose unnecessarily thousands of service men by drink, and even lose the war than to lose their booze?—The Civic Bulletin.



Miss Marian Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Davis, Greenville, with her parents, taken on the occasion of her graduation from Blue Mountain College last month. Mr. Davis is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"WHY?"  
J. W. G.

The soft summer night wind kissed the wooded glade,  
A spot of beauty that God had made.  
The stars shed their light on a form huddled there,  
Wounded and battered. His body lay bare,  
His eyes were wide, staring up at the sky.  
From his mouth comes a hoarse whisper, "Why?"

His life is fading slowly away;  
It sinks like the sun at the end of each day.  
Death doesn't make him shake with fear,  
But what of his soul when it leaves here?  
No, he is not afraid to die,  
But his dry, bleeding lips again ask, "Why?"

Why what? Does he yet hold life so dear?  
What is it to him that seems so queer?  
Is he asking why he has to go  
And leave the ones who love him so?  
Does he wonder why he is the chosen one,  
When others yet live, to enjoy the sun?  
No, he does not envy those who have yet to live.  
But again from his parched throat that question so old—  
This time a scream, "Why wasn't I told?"

The fires of hell are scorching his flesh;  
The web of Satan holds him immeshed.  
He cannot escape. He must die this way,  
Lost and forgotten, so far away.  
Why wasn't he told of this God of ours,  
Who lifts our hearts in our lonely hours,  
Who helps, and protects and our souls does save,  
When, at last, we are washed by death's cold wave?

He breathes his last. His poor soul is gone.  
His wounded body slowly turns into stone.  
Out of that beautiful summer night,  
His spirit, at last, takes its flight  
And lays on the heads of those to blame  
The guilt for this tragedy and awful shame—  
The so-called Christians who never found time  
To mention our Christ, our Lord sublime.  
It comes again, from his lips, now cold,  
That awful cry, "Why wasn't I told?"

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Drew Baptist Church gave \$400 to the Orphanage as their Mother's Day Love Offering.

### HUA CHUNG COLLEGE, OUTPOST OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Lucy Fish Miller

Much has been written in the public press about China during the visit of China's First Lady in the United States. One of the things that helped build up good will between that land and America has been the mission schools. Below is printed part of a story regarding such an institution:

Conditions at Hua Chung are so primitive, the faculty so fine and the students so earnest that one is often reminded of the old saying about Mark Hopkins and the log and other stories about early days in many American colleges when plain living and high thinking were the rule. Once Chinese students were prone to dwell upon their privileges and thought of themselves as a sort of sacred class apart from the rest of China's men and women, but six years of war have changed all that. Now students not only do all their own laundering and marketing but take turns in cooking for their hostels, make their own cloth shoes with the typical quilted soles, pull out their old sweaters (men as well as women) and re-knit them, and work in many other ways to stretch their meagre incomes.

One outstanding change in student habits is the universal pedestrianism. As the war has gone on, the hire of both horses and the local mountain-chairs is beyond the means of professors and students. . . . More than one aspiring freshman has walked hundreds of li to enter Hua Chung. Indeed, one indomitable lad walked all the way from Central China. . . . The provincial and military authorities appreciate the excellent work Hua Chung is doing and willingly used army trucks and gas to bring students to Hsiakuan, the Burma road town nearest Hsichow.

The last letters received from Hsichow tell of Christmas celebrations. . . . The big carol service on Christmas eve is always attended by many non-Christians, and its value as an evangelizing agency is clear to anyone watching the rapt expression

on their faces. Another effort to tell the Glad Tidings is the reading of the Nativity story by the college chaplain in the Market Square after the Christmas morning service in our chapel.

The years have gradually changed our student body so that now we have few students from Central China but many from the South and Southwest. . . . This year we are trying to help backward Yunnan develop modern-trained Christianized leaders. . . . Such work is a real service to China, all the more so since the Southwest is bound to be increasingly important, and we confidently expect this work will benefit the church in China quite as much. More than half the student body has enrolled in voluntary classes studying the Bible and discussing religious questions.

The devotion of the faculty cannot be too highly praised, for the inconveniences and hardships of life in Hsichow are difficult to cope with. It is impossible to replace things. Some of the faculty have undertaken to raise pigs, a few have room for chicken-runs, but only two or three are living where a vegetable garden is possible.

However, viewed not only as a patriotic project, Hua Chung is of inestimable value, and, therefore, all carry on courageously under the president, Dr. Francis C. M. Wei, himself an outstanding argument for the intensive work of the small Christian college.

—BR—

During the recent revival at Pontotoc, led by Evangelist W. A. Bell and Singer Henry Love, there were 18 additions. John W. Cook is the beloved pastor.

## THE HEAVENLY GUEST

By H. E. Dana

Not a technical analysis, but a clear, simplified interpretation of the Gospel of John prepared to help the preacher and the general reader toward a better understanding of its message. A masterful treatment of "the most spiritual and transcendent view of Christ to be found in the New Testament." Ready in June.

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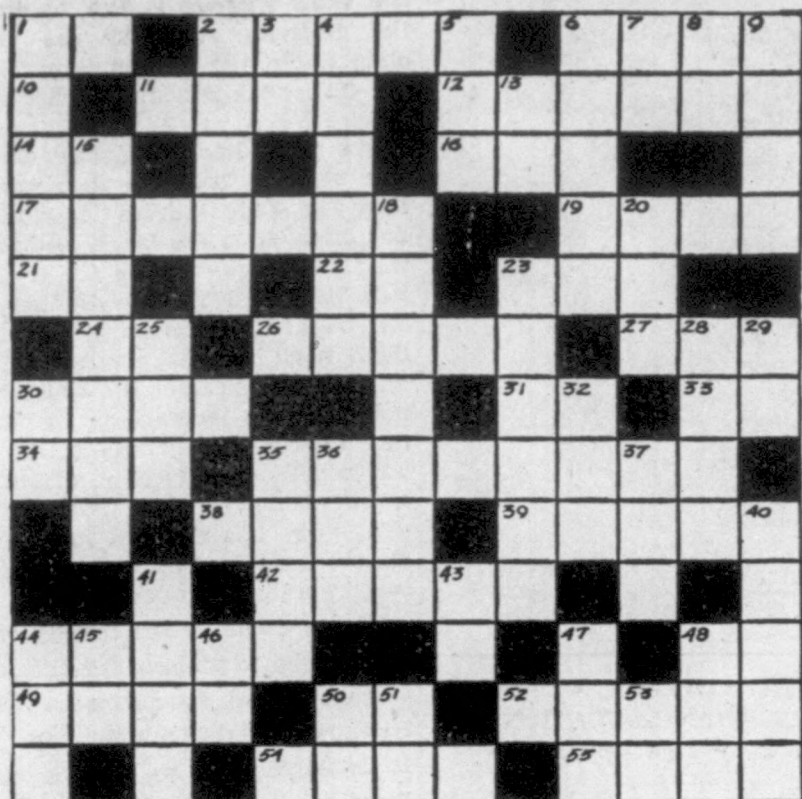
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## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."—Prov. 16:32.

## ANGER

## Across

- 1 and 32 down "Cursed . . . their anger, . . . it was fierce," Gen. 49:7.  
 2 "anger resteth in the . . . of fools," Eccl. 7:9.  
 6 Dry.  
 10 "For . . . bishop must be blameless," Titus 1:7.  
 11 "a . . . tongue breaketh the bone," Prov. 25:15.  
 12 "hath joy by the . . . of his mouth," Prov. 15:23.  
 14 "... a wise man contendeth," Prov. 29:9.  
 16 "Be ye angry, and sin . . ." Eph. 4:26.  
 17 "As the door . . . upon his hinges," Prov. 26:14.  
 19 "wise men turn . . . wrath," Prov. 29:8.  
 21 Senior.  
 22 Eye (Scot.).  
 23 Syria.  
 24 "he that . . . hasty of spirit exalteth folly," Prov. 14:29.  
 26 "slow to speak, slow to . . ." James 1:19.  
 27 "He that hath no rule over his . . . spirit," Prov. 25:28.  
 30 "He that is . . . angry dealeth foolishly," Prov. 14:17.  
 31 "wrath . . . man worketh not," Jas. 1:20.  
 33 Innermost moon of Jupiter.  
 34 "... he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife," Prov. 15:18.  
 35 "Correction is . . . unto him that," Prov. 15:10.  
 38 "And have . . . toward God," Acts 24:15.  
 39 Sea-eagles.  
 42 "said that I would keep thy . . ." Ps. 119:57.  
 44 "A fool's wrath is presently . . ." Prov. 12:16.  
 48 Compass point.  
 49 "... up thyself, and awake," Ps. 35:23.  
 50 "A wrathful man stirreth . . . strife,"

## Prov. 15:18.

- 52 "put off all these: . . . wrath, malice," Col. 3:8.  
 54 "anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away . . . you," Eph. 4:31.  
 55 "let not the sun go . . . upon your wrath," Eph. 4:26.  
 Our text is 10, 11, 12, 17, 19, 26, 34, 35, 42, 49, 50 and 52 combined.

## DOWN

- 1 Allurements.  
 2 "We are . . . to thank God," II Thes. 1:3.  
 3 "forcing . . . wrath bringeth forth strife," Prov. 30:33.  
 4 Principal gold coin of ancient Greece.  
 5 "discretion of a . . . deferreth his anger," Prov. 19:11.  
 6 Term used in regard to ship's anchor.  
 7 Right worthy.  
 8 That is.  
 9 Strong cart for heavy loads.  
 13 "with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is . . . rest," Prov. 29:9.  
 15 "a . . . man aboundeth in transgression," Prov. 29:22.  
 18 "fool's wrath is . . . than them both," Prov. 27:3.  
 20 Three-fifths wrong.  
 23 Pushes.  
 25 Drunkard.  
 28 "but a . . . man will pacify it," Prov. 16:14.  
 29 "make . . . friendship with an angry man," Prov. 22:24.  
 30 South Britain.  
 32 See 1 across.  
 35 Dress.  
 36 Railroad post office.  
 37 Prefix meaning one.  
 40 "cast four anchors out of the . . ." Acts 27:29.  
 41 "planted in a good . . ." Ezek. 17:8.  
 43 "Teach me to . . . thy will," Ps. 143:10.  
 44 Knight of St. Anne (Russia).  
 45 New Testament.  
 46 Just two-fifths wrong; writer?  
 47 "Wrath is cruel, . . . anger is outrageous," Prov. 27:4.  
 48 "A . . . commandment I give unto you," John 13:34.  
 50 . . . of the Chaldees, Gen. 11:28.  
 51 River in Italy.  
 53 "with a furious man thou shalt not . . ." Prov. 22:24.

## Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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MRS. W. H. ANDERSON ELECTED  
PRESIDENT OF BLUE  
MOUNTAIN ALUMNAE

Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Booneville, was elected president of the Blue Mountain College National Alumnae Association, succeeding Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, at the meeting of the association recently. Other officers elected were: First vice president, Mrs. J. J. Paschal, Walnut Grove; second vice president, Mrs. Thomas B. Daniels, Memphis, Tenn.; third vice president, Miss Frances Fraser, Nashville, Tenn.; secretary, Miss Martha Louise Haynie, West Point; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Donnell, Blue Mountain; historian, Mrs. J. B. Black, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

After the business meeting a luncheon was given in honor of the classes of 1893, 1903 and 1938, which held their reunions this year. Miss Fraser, of the class of 1938, was toastmistress, and gave the biography of her class. Miss Jennie Hill gave the biography of the class of 1893 in song, as did Miss Ellen Edens for the class of 1903.

The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. D. C. Simmons, and opened with an invocation by Dr. W. C. Tyler. Mrs. G. T. Callicutt, Blue Mountain, gave the welcome address, which was responded to by Mrs. A. E. Smith, Jackson, after which Miss Mary Ann Hawkins, Corinth, sang.

President Lawrence T. Lowrey spoke on the Modena Lowrey Berry Memorial, followed by presentation of new officers. Then Perrin Holmes Lowrey gave the closing address.

Mrs. H. S. Livingston, Memphis, Tenn., was elected president of the Junior Alumnae Association, succeeding Miss Frances Fraser. Other officers elected were: First vice president, Mrs. Harris R. Gilbert, Memphis; second vice president, Miss Elizabeth Jacob, Franklin, Ky.; third vice president, Miss Martha Lynn Brame, Yazoo City; fourth vice president, Mrs. John F. Gilliland, Jr., Coldwater; secretary, Miss Jessie Davis, New Orleans, La.; treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Pough, New Albany; historian, Miss Ellen Edens, Sumter, S. C.

## MISS LU HUI CHING'S MIGRATION

... We went through Japanese occupied territory and guerilla areas, from Shanghai to Hangchow, the "Switzerland of China," by trail, then we went on our really perilous journey, full of hair-raising experiences. There were 36 of us. . . .

The first few days we spent traveling in house boats, most popular in that part of the country where a maze of waterways exists. Later on we hiked until we reached the railroad at Kinhwa, the focus of the Sino-Japanese struggle on the East China front. The Japanese were literally on our heels, for no sooner had we reached Kinhwa than they started their gigantic offensive in East China in an attempt to capture all the Chinese airbases there so as to minimize the danger of future American bombings of Japan. General Doolittle and his men gave the Japs a bad jolt on April 18th. They were right behind us wherever we went, but we managed to be always a jump ahead of them. However, towns that we passed fell into their hands one after another. . . . The only consolation for us after we had safely arrived in Chungking was that the Chinese

forces had counterattacked and recovered most of the towns we passed through, except Kinhwa.

The toughest stretch of our travel, not counting the Japanese menace, was en route to Hungyang. For 14 days we rocked and swayed in a charcoal powered bus in which we were packed like sardines. There were in that bus 75 pieces of luggage and 25 passengers. At night we stopped off in small inns along the roadside, which were infested with bed bugs. There were engaged a "two-dimensional war," the bed bugs crawling around like tanks and the mosquitoes swooping down like dive-bombers.

Traveling in wartime China was an experience, yet in a way I was glad that I had a taste of it. It has helped me understand conditions much better, and appreciate the problems which our country has been facing during the last five years of hardship, and which she must continue to face. . . . Finally my students and I arrived in Chungking on a truck, one hot dusty summer day after covering a distance of some 5000 kilometers (or roughly, 3000 miles). We had spent four months on the road and I am glad to say that we fared none the worse for the strenuous traveling conditions.

(Editor's Note: These are excerpts from this Chinese teacher's report.)

—BR—

Antioch, Jones county, has just completed the Sunday school study course and Vacation Bible school, with good attendance in both. Rev. F. H. Runyan had charge of the work. We are pleased with him as our county missionary.—Reporter.

B. S. Hilbun, serving among the rural churches in the state under the LeTourneau Foundation, and sponsored by the State Mission Board, has just sent in an EVERY FAMILY list of subscribers for The Baptist Record for the Van Cleave church.

Shelton church, Jones county, is making plans for a B. T. U. study course for the first week in June and four people are awaiting baptism.—Paul Z. Ball, pastor.

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→ GRAY'S OINTMENT



# Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for June 13, 1943  
**GOD'S EXCEEDING GREAT PROMISES**  
 2 Peter 1:1-11

There was rising in the early churches a danger more subtle and destructive than the persecution they had been called upon to endure. It was false teaching from professed friends. Peter, therefore, wrote a second epistle, widening his address so as to include all those who have faith in Christ, and seeking both to counteract the work of the heretics and to exhort believers to steadfastness in their faith. While the former epistle came to the persecuted, inciting them to hope, this implies exposure to heresy, and emphasizes knowledge of the truth. It was written perhaps like the first at Babylon, but a year or two later, and shortly before Peter's execution, about A. D. 68.

## Lesson Text and Outline

- I. The Promises of God.
- II. The Diligence of Christians.

### Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Receive the Promises of God. Note four points here: (1) **The Recipients.** Begin with the writer, Peter, who classifies himself personally as a servant and officially as an apostle of Jesus Christ. Widen the circle to all who have heard the gospel and accepted Christ as Saviour. Upon each and all let the benediction of grace and of peace be bestowed and multiplied. God is righteous without favoritism, and the knowledge of God involves the clearest understanding of spiritual verities. (2) **The Giver.** He is divine, for he is God. He has the power to do his will. He is merciful, for he gives. He is careful, for he gives everything that concerns life and Godliness. He has knowledge that is needed. He calls and guides and inspires to his own glory and excellence. (3) **The Gift.** His promises are given. Great are they in their origin, in their content, in their effect, in their present and eternal value. And they are precious, for only God could give them and he never wastes them; precious to man in their worth to him; and precious in the everlasting government of God. Think of the promises concerning our redemption, our goodness and guidance, our trials and triumphs, our afflictions and achievements, our work and warfare, our faith and hope. (4) **The Purpose.** The world of mankind is depraved and corrupt because wrong desire is uncurbed. How can man escape this down-dragging to utter ruin? The promises of God point out the clear and only way upward. They show how one who is wholly debased can become a partaker of the divine nature through repentance and faith. That is their high and whole purpose.

2. Respond to the Promises of God. Note four points here: (1) **Growth.**

Here is a character chain from which no link should be missing; an octave of virtues that would be marred if one note were omitted; a stairway of development from which no step can be spared. The first is faith, for without it one is not a Christian. The next is virtue, which is courage, resolution, noble character, Christian manliness. The third is knowledge, which includes not only intelligence but also discretion, understanding, moral discernment. The fourth is temperance, which is self-mastery and control. The fifth is patience, which is both endurance and steadfastness. The sixth is Godliness, which is goodness, piety, reverence toward God. The seventh is brotherly love. The eighth is love, that is Christian love, the climax and crown of all the graces. Should not attention to the cultivation of these virtues be our whole concern? (2) **Fruit.** Culture produces character and character produces conduct. He who produces more and more into the knowledge of Christ will have a full and fruitful life. He will not be barren. He will not be unfruitful. He will bear much good fruit and thus glorify the Father in heaven. (3) **Fidelity.** What about one who is lacking in these qualities? He is spiritually blind. He is morally short-sighted. He is mentally forgetful of the divine mercy in forgiving his old or erstwhile sins. The path of enlightened duty is plain: with all eagerness give unmistakable evidence of your calling and election: "ratify your calling and election, for as you exercise these qualities you will never make a slip" (Moffatt). (4) **Reward.** Happy is he who learns how to walk here without stumbling and, at length, to be given and to gain ready admittance into the everlasting kingdom of Christ.

## The Lesson of the Lesson Precious Are the Promises

(1) **The Promises of God.** "The righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ . . . the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord . . . the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." That is, righteousness prompts them; redemption provides them; knowledge awards and applies them; and eternity crowns them.

(2) **The Promises to Man.** "To them . . . with us . . . unto you . . . in you . . . unto you abundantly." How personal they are! How clear they are in their statement! How confident their assurance, how varied in meeting our varied needs, how satisfying and sufficient!

(3) **The Promises for Godliness.** "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and Godliness." Think of God in a good life. Is not Godliness in us the main object of the Triune God? And are not all his promises levers to lift us Godward?

(4) **The Promises for Spiritual Equipment.** "Exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." Here is redemption and regeneration; for when born of God we are sons of God. And here is sanctification, the constant cleansing from sin and corruption.

(5) **The Promises for Character Building.** "Giving all diligence, add to your faith . . . give diligence to make your calling and election sure." To be our best we must do our best in building up ourselves. Diligence is

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Cross Roads (Webster)	58
Mantee	126
Bethlehem (Jones)	72 45
Wallerville	114 35
Enon (Panola)	53 55
Griffith Memorial Jackson	619 291
Jackson First	859 199
Calvary Jackson	788 198
Fifteenth Avenue Meridian	364
New Albany	438 134
Yazoo City First	219
Ackerman Church	101 22
Crystal Springs	309 123
Friendship (Lincoln)	78 43
Louisville First	299 60
Kreole (May 30)	57 42
Pine Grove (Jones)	74 65
Bethlehem (Jones)	88 72
Liberty Hill (Panola)	128 84

## NEW NAMES ADDED TO HONOR ROLL

The churches listed below have agreed to contribute to the Now Club (or other object of their choice) the amount they would have given to pay their pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The same is true of individuals listed below:

Duck Hill Baptist Church.  
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 Brookhaven church.  
 Northside church, Jackson.  
 Mt. Oral, Jones county.  
 Davis Memorial, Jackson.  
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 Okolona.  
 Sharon, Jones county.  
 Flora Baptist Church.  
 Sallis Baptist Church.  
 Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian.  
 Gallilee-Gloster.  
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 A. J. Wilds.  
 Fannie Traylor.  
 Edwina Robinson.  
 M. E. Perry.  
 Bryan Simmons.  
 J. R. G. Hewlett.  
 Carolyn Madison.

required. A definite course must be pursued. Special traits must be developed. How helpful are God's promises!

## Gold in the Golden Text

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature. 2 Peter 1:4.

The promises of God are "exceeding great and precious." And, first, because they are given by him who is our Creator and Preserver, our Saviour and our Lord. They are exactly suited to our needs. They are precious to us because of what they mean to us in every situation in our lives. And they are precious in God's sight because of what they cost him to make and to fulfill.

The purpose of God in his promises to us is that we "might be partakers of the divine nature." That includes our birth from above and every part of our new life in Christ. Dark would be our way but for the light of his promises. Dwarfed would be our strength and our service without his promised presence every moment of our pilgrimage to the better country.

## Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. ("Lord's Prayer Book"): Carved on a huge boulder, on a main highway, east of Bristol, Vermont, will be found "The Lord's Prayer" in letters large enough to be read from the highway. Carved in 1891 by Dr. Joseph C. Greene, of Buffalo, N. Y.

2. (Old Testament curse, etc.): It is applicable to the tribulations and idolatry found in the Old Testament, and to the blessings in the New Testament to all who follow Christ as their Savior.

3. (Paradise B. C.): Cyrus, the Great, King of Persia, in 550 B. C., owned a large park, called Paradise, and he and his court used it for hunting purposes and exercise.

4. (The "chief shepherd"): In ancient Egypt, recent explorations uncovered a rough wooden tablet which had been hung around the neck of a mummy, and the crudely carved words state that here lay "Plenis the Younger," whose occupation had been that of "chief shepherd," commonly used as the leader of the shepherds of that day.

## ATTENTION! MEMBERS OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Next Sunday, June 13, is our regular preaching day again. When you read this, if you do, please make up your mind at once that you will meet me at church Sunday afternoon at the usual hour. Come, be with us. We make you a promise that you will not be uncomfortably crowded, and you will not have to sit on the floor. What do you say? Yes! or No! Yes!!! Of course.

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## THE WEeping CHRIST

Dr. Zeno Wall  
Pastor, First Baptist Church,  
Shelby, N. C.

"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it."—Luke 19:41.

Christianity is a heart religion. It is the only heart religion in the world. It begins in the heart and moves up through the head, shaping all thought, and out through the hands and feet and lips, regulating all activity and inspiring all speech. . . . Christ placed the emphasis upon the heart rather than upon the head.

Christ wept over an individual, over the city, and over a lost world. At the grave of Lazarus He wept; and when He beheld the city of Jerusalem, "burst suddenly into tears over it"; and as He looked out upon a lost world "with strong crying and tears" He prayed until "his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Luke 22:44.

As you go back to your work, go back to agonize rather than to criticize. It is so easy to find fault. . . . We have, no doubt, all criticized, now let's go back to agonize, yea to have such deep and vital concern for our city or village that we will weep over it.

Did you ever stop and ask, why was Christ weeping over the city of Jerusalem? Esau wept because he had sold his birthright, and Peter wept because he denied his Lord.

He was weeping, in the first place, because He recognized that the citizens of Jerusalem were lost. Jesus employed four ugly words as He talked about man's condition in this world, and the word to come; and those four words were: "sin," "lost," "death" and "hell." Repeatedly He spoke of the lost ones, and He clearly illustrated what He meant by being lost as He talked about the blind, the lepers, the devil possessed, the Prodigal Son and dives.

It is an awful thing to be lost: lost to God, lost to the home and lost as far as the community is concerned.

Some years ago I helped in Atlanta, Georgia, where sixty revival meetings in sixty different churches were held at the same time. One day I was asked to go to Five Points, at the noon hour, and speak in the open to the people as they hurried by in five different directions. As I stood there waiting for the tone signal I found this question kept coming to me: "Why are you standing here? Do you have any message that will help a busy person if he stops?" This answer came: "I'm standing here because I believe that men outside of Christ are lost; that I have something to save lost men with, something to save them from, and something to save them to: a life of usefulness in this world, and an endless life of joy and peace in the world to come." Therefore, I could preach with freedom and power.

Jesus was weeping in the first place, because the people of that day were neglecting, abusing and misusing His Father's house, yea, they had converted it into a house of merchandise, a place where they were buying and selling and cheating. There were three things that were very close to the heart of Jesus: His Father's will, His Father's word and His Father's house.

Jesus was weeping, in the third

## THE CURE FOR WAR

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In a former article, atheism, or an anti-God spirit, was seen as the root-cause for war. This being true, its cure can be quickly seen as the recognition of God by man and the resultant submission to his sovereignty in all affairs of the individual and nation. Man can destroy its root cause and thus banish war from the earth by the enthronement of the

place, because the people of that day had lost their golden opportunity: "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." Luke 19:42.

Individuals have an opportunity—maybe many opportunities—but if they keep saying "no" to the Holy Spirit the day will come when the Holy Spirit will be gone, and for all time, too. Cities and nations, too, have their opportunities, but if they, like Sodom and Gomorrah, Tyre and Sidon, Nineveh and Babylon, keep saying no to God and His messengers they, too, will pass away and be no more. Listen as Ezekiel tells of the destruction of Tyre: "They shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water. And I will cause the noise of thy song to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. And I will make thee like the top of a rock: Thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thy shalt be built no more."—Ezekiel 26:12-14.

"I will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.—This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, and said in her heart, I am and there is none beside me, How is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! everyone that passeth shall hiss, and wag his head." Zeph. 2:13-15.

"And Babylon, the glory of Kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Arabian pitch there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there." Isa. 13:19-21.

Christ was weeping because of what He saw out ahead. He saw two things: the complete destruction of the city and all within it—"For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a branch—a rampart—about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." Luke 19:43-44.

Today it is Christ or chaos. It is either Christ, the eternal Rock of the Ages, or it will be the awful black out of the dark ages. What shall it be? We have the answer: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psal. 126:6.

eternal God as supreme in individual and national life.

Does this seem a vague and visionary program for ridding the world of war? If so let it be remembered that this is the means outlined by God Himself. Does it seem too difficult to attain? Then remember that it is the task Christ set His handful of disciples doing before He went back to heaven.

How is this to be done? Certainly not by a program of social service. We have had a generation of emphasis on social service and the social gospel to the neglect of the main emphasis and, to a degree of which the world seems not to be conscious, this has made the present war possible. Nor will God be made supreme by education. We are seeing now that educated atheists are the world's bloodiest beasts. Neither is it to be done by political leadership. National leaders have led the race to war as lambs to the slaughter. Nor by an ecclesiastical over-lordship will war be banished. Rivers of blood have flowed from that source already. Neither can it be done by a union of all Christianity to secure their combined strength. Real Christianity mixed with all that claims to be Christian would be so diluted as to be powerless to perform any service. "The world through its wisdom knew not God" and it can never be rid of war until it does know Him.

There is only one way to accomplish this noble end. That is to give Christ to the whole world. The words of Lloyd George following the last war are eternally true: "It is Christ or chaos for the world." Only when men know Christ as Lord and Saviour will they recognize God as Sovereign and order their actions according to His will. The trouble with the world is that it has the inventions, education and industry which Christianity has produced without having Christ. When the race knows Christ, instead of using these to destroy men and dishonor God they will be used to bless Christianity and glorify God. Then Godly men will be at the head of nations and national and international relationships will be righteous. Military might will be used only to keep peace and no nation will be allowed to use it to break the peace of the world. Then youth will be trained in Christian education and will grow up to serve and rule according to the will of God. Then mankind will live and think by the will of God in recognition of the stewardship of life and in loyalty to government as God's handmaiden. Then men will be sensitive to their responsibility to that larger nation which has no bounds—the human race. Then the neighborhood of the world will be the brotherhood of mankind of all races and tongues.

This should begin with a pentecostal revival among Christians. Then that the race may know Christ, His followers must preach the gospel of Christ to the whole world. The ancient command is still the marching orders of every Christian: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The gospel is still the power of God in the world and the only hope for the world. Sufficient proof of its power should be the fact that the two mightiest nations on earth and the two

staunchest defenders of humanity's cause are the two most Christian nations on earth. Sufficient demonstration of the wanton destruction and suffering which results when the preaching of the gospel is neglected is the miserable caldron of war now before us.

To Baptists the challenge comes as if the commanding voice of Jesus on Olivet had been amplified ten thousand times. They have said to the world over and over that the munition of their warfare is the simple New Testament Gospel of Christ. Now with an insistence far greater than the call for ships and tanks and planes and guns and bombs the world calls for this gospel which is the Baptist message. The gospel may not be able to smother the conflagration overnight but it alone can remove the cause of war and prevent its recurrence. Imagine that every adult in the world were a bona fide member of a Baptist church. War would then be impossible. This poses the importance of every Baptist church in the world and the need for the establishment of multitudes more. Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard, said: "Baptist churches must exist all over the earth, or else we will every few years have a most terrible war." Every such church in the world should be preserved and strengthened. As rapidly as possible, at home and abroad, new disciples should be won to Christ and new churches established to proclaim the gospel. Our State, Home and Foreign Mission Boards should be strengthened in their efforts for this far-reaching purpose. Every individual who will ever be born is involved and every day until Christ comes will be affected by what Baptists do in this matter.

While the war will curtail efforts in this task as long as it lasts, when it is over the doors of all nations will be open and the hearts of all men responsive to the preaching of the gospel. A letter which came to my desk this morning from one of our great Baptist leaders said: "I have dreamed of an expeditionary force of Christians, numbering literally tens of thousands, who could be ready to invade China at the close of the war." He would, no doubt agree that a similar force should invade every nation of the earth after the war. I have no doubt, if Baptists take advantage of their opportunities after the war in some such manner, that at least one Baptist church could be established in every city and village in the world in a generation. We must be ready with personnel and money for just such program. The above quoted letter also said: "I have no doubt at all that such an army could be recruited if our people would only supply the financial resources. Surely we must do something very much out of the ordinary in these strenuous days!"

While the war rages and people have money a great fund should be raised to finance the worldwide preaching of the gospel after the war. Then, and only then, will Christ have His rightful place among men. Then, and only then, will come the time:

When war drums throb no longer,  
And battle flags are furled;  
In the parliament of man,  
The federation of the world.